4 cops say they're ready to testify against Lacson

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Copy cat is world's first cloned kitty

WASHINGTON—Researchers in Texas claimed a cloning first on Thursday, with the first successful genetic reproduction of a cat.

The 2-month-old kitty, called CC (short for carbon copy), was born to her surrogate mother, Allie, last December. But veterinarians at Texas A and M University delayed announcing

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'Lately, Gloria's been charming'

By Juliet L. Javellana and Carlito Pablo

THE PRESIDENCY is a lonely job and President Macapagal-Arroyo is working hard at it.

For this reason, according to a critic, Batanes Rep. Florencio "Butch" Abad, she deserves a pat in the back—

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Guingona: From agony to advocacy

By Carlito Pablo

COULD be a case of if-you-can't-lick 'em, join 'em.

From his agony over the Balikatan 02-1, Vice President Teofisto Guingona Jr. though not exactly ecstatic, is now the advocate of the military exercise.

So, it would appear from President Macapagal's description yesterday of Guingona.

"He has internalized the Balikatan because his inputs have been taken into account, so now he's the one handling it," President Macapagal said in her regular press conference in Malacañang.

"He's the one explaining it and I don't even have to meddle anymore. So it's a load off my back," said Ms Macapagal who has been severely criticized for allowing the presence of US troops in the country.

"He's taken a very, very big load away from me," the President said of Guingona who was previously described as "agonizing" whether to resign as secretary of foreign affairs because of his objections to the Balikatan.

A television reporter told the President about observations that she had she left the birthday luncheon yesterday of Speaker Jose de Venecia's wife Gina to avoid Guingona who arrived shortly after she had gone.

"But I see him here in Malacañang. I talk to him on the phone," Ms Macapagal countered.

Previous reports indicated Guingona was hurting as he had not been consulted on Balikatan and bypassed in talks between the

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THE ENGAGED couple, the eldest son of President Macapagal and Angela Montenegro, who will marry on June 24 at the St. John the Baptist Church in Lubao, Pampanga, are shown here during their engagement party. EDWIN BACASMAS

Stage is set for 4-carat date on June 24

By Carlito Pablo and Fe Zamora
Inq7.net

THE SPARKLE of the heirloom four-carat diamond ring was enough to light up the wide expanse of the two-story house on 132 Cambridge Circle, North Forbes in Makati City.

But so did a spotlight beamed from an OB van parked across the street. Bathe in light, the residence loomed like a performing stage.

The stage was set for the Macapagal-Montenegro nuptials on June 24 at the St. John the Baptist Church in Lubao, Pampanga, the Macapagals' hometown. Reception will follow immediately at the church courtyard. In the evening, a cocktail reception will be held in Malacañang for a thousand VIPs.

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Erap surgery seen as pretext for exile

By Juliet L. Javellana, Carlito Pablo and Volt Contreras

THERE is a "very real possibility" that a prolonged treatment abroad of ousted President Joseph Estrada could pave the way for his exile, a ranking government official admitted yesterday.

The plan to allow Estrada to go to the United States for knee surgery, which allegedly has the support of Malacañang, drew howls of protest from some members of Congress and militant groups.

"The treatment is really just a pretext. If he (Estrada) needs prolonged treatment, it will lead to exile," said the official, who asked not to be named.

He said the possibility of exile was the unstated intent of the twin resolutions in the Senate and the House.

Plunderwatch branded as "political opportunists" lawmakers who figured in Edsa II but have signed the Senate and House resolutions supporting Estrada's request for surgery outside the country.

Allegations that the administration wanted Estrada out of the country were bolstered by a report that Ms Macapagal's personal doctor, Dr. Rodolfo Sotto, visited Estrada at his detention center to check on his condition in June last year. Sotto is based in San Francisco, California.

A source close to the Estrada camp, who claims to have met Sotto during the visit, said the doctor examined Estrada's knees and eyes.

Sotto was part of the visiting group that included Dr. Christopher Mow, an American bone surgeon being tapped to operate on Estrada's arthritic knees, said another source. "The President (Estrada) knew he was a doctor of GMA (Macapagal) but he didn't mind."

A third source said, "this could only mean that GMA was really interested in finding out Estrada's condition and that she

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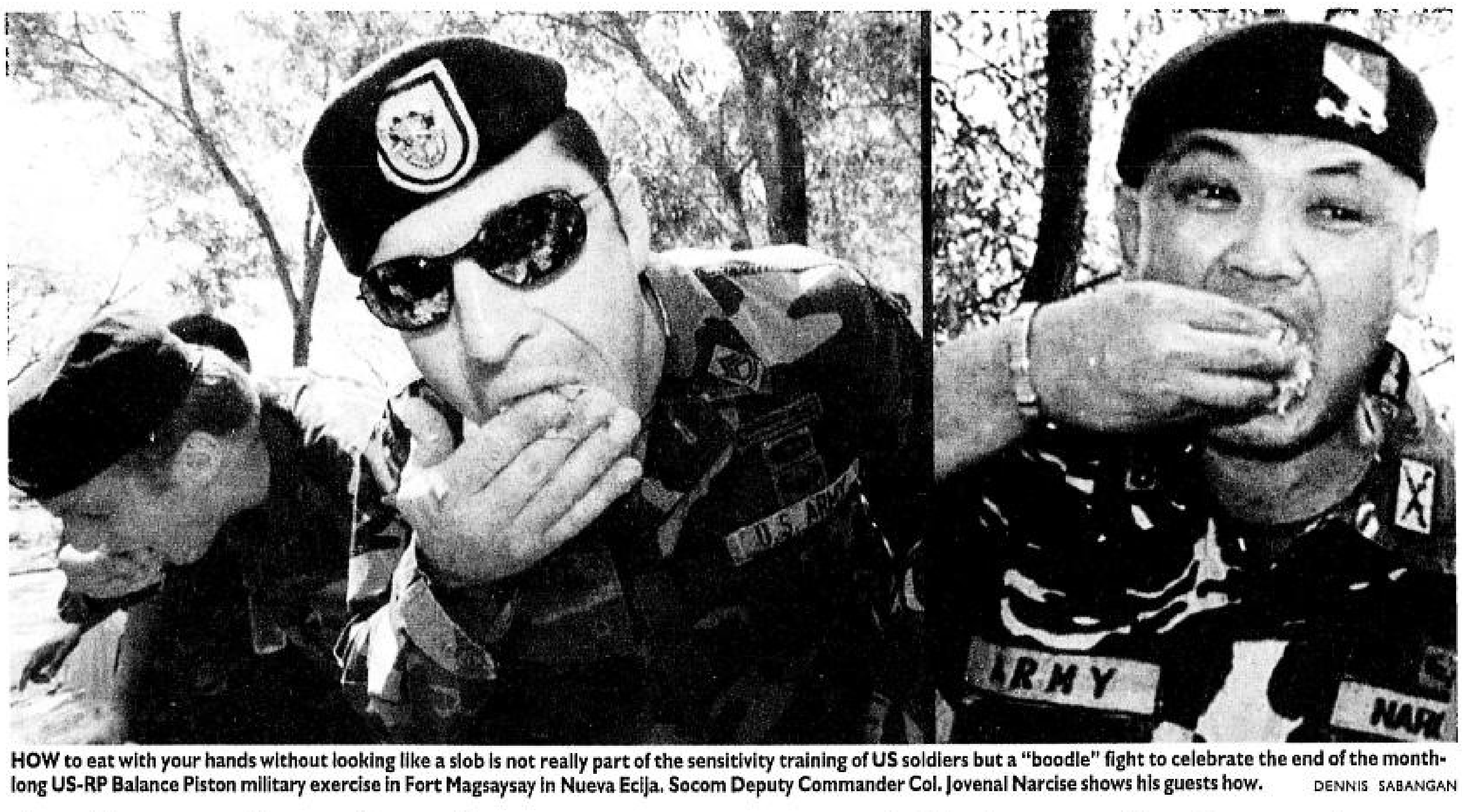

HOW to eat with your hands without looking like a slob is not really part of the sensitivity training of US soldiers but a "boodle" fight to celebrate the end of the month-long US-RP Balance Piston military exercise in Fort Magsaysay in Nueva Ecija. Socom Deputy Commander Col. Jovenal Narcise shows his guests how. DENNIS SABANGAN

As hundreds cheer, strange 'Chinooks' arrive

By Julie S. Alipala
PDI Mindanao Bureau

ZAMBOANGA CITY—A powerful downdraft from the helicopters blew the roof off a guardhouse at the Edwin Andrews Air Base.

Local residents here were roused from sleep upon hearing the unusual roar of American attack helicopters early yesterday morning.

"I thought our barangay was under attack because of the noise. I was surprised to see two long helicopters," said Pat Domingo of Barangay Sta. Maria.

Sgt. Henry Leyran, a staff of the Edwin Andrews Air Base here personally assisting the media, admitted that it was also his first time to see the military helicopters. "We don't have that kind of aircraft," he said.

The sight of the helicopters above the air base caught the attention of motorists, who stopped their vehicles to look as children rushed to the scene, clapping their hands in delight, eyewitnesses said.

"What you saw moving around here are two MH-47E Chinook helicopters," said Sgt. Micheal Farris, who spoke on behalf of US forces spokesperson Maj. Cynthia Teramae.

"They were previously used in the 'Balance Piston' doing some training up there (in Luzon) with our Filipino counterparts. Now they are down here for another air training for Balikatan

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What's in a name? It's still deception

By Christine Herrera and PDI Mindanao Bureau

WHAT'S IN a name?

They all mean the same: The permanent presence of US troops in the country.

This is according to former Sen. Wigberto Tañada. The United States and Philippine governments have been trying to find a name that could make the Filipinos accept their primary objective to allow the "permanent presence" of American troops in the country, he said.

"From Acsa, Sofa, VFA to MLSA, all these mean the same to make the US presence here permanent," said Tañada, convenor of the Gathering for Peace, a coalition of multi-sectoral organization rejecting the deployment of the US troops to Basilan. The coalition has launched a nationwide information and education drive against the deployment of US troops in any part of Philippine soil.

"*Nilalansi nila tayo* (They are deceiving us)."

Through the people's vigilance, he said, the Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (Acsa) was met by stiff resistance in 1992.

Both governments appeared to relent to the public protest and dropped the Acsa, he said.

However, a few years later, the Status of Forces Agreement (Sofa) was hatched around 1994-1995, Tañada recalled.

"We vigorously opposed the Sofa

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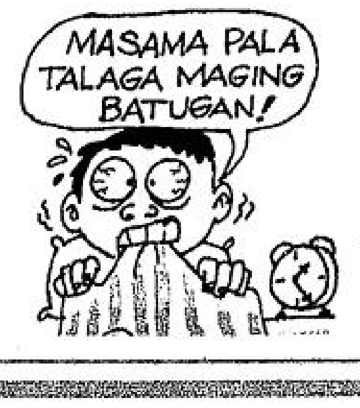
Who needs 8 hours of sleep?


MASAMA PALA TALAGA MAGING BATUGAN!

LOS ANGELES—The old idea that people should have at least eight hours sleep each night apparently has no more scientific basis than the gold at the end of the rainbow.

In fact, a study of the nighttime habits of 1.1 million Americans showed that sleeping longer—eight hours or more a night—could even shorten one's life.

University of California at San Diego researchers found that people who slept

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MATINDI ITO!

KURATONG MASSACRE

4 cops say they're ready to testify vs Ping, others

By TJ Burgonio

AFTER years of hiding in fear for their lives, four witnesses to the alleged Kuratong Baleleng massacre in 1995 surfaced yesterday, vowing to testify against Sen. Panfilo Lacson and police officials should the courts decide to reopen the controversial case.

The witnesses, who attended a special service at the Protestant Evangelical Chapel at Camp Aguinaldo in the afternoon, said they were heartened by reports the Supreme Court has set for Feb. 19 a hearing to decide whether to reopen the case.

(See related story in Metro section.)

"I have been upset because the case has dragged on for some time. But reports of its possible reopening have revived our hopes. I hope justice will finally be served," said witness Mario Enad, a former civilian police agent.

Enad and the other witnesses—police officers Dick Ramos, Ismael Yu and Rodolfo Jaresa—attended the Mass officiated by Fr. Robert Reyes and another priest.

"We need to pray because we don't know what will happen to the case," said Enad, who dropped out of the Department of Justice's witness protection program when Lacson became the national police chief because he feared for his life.

Lacson was a ranking officer in the Presidential Anti-Crime Commission at the time of the massacre. He was appointed Philippine National Police chief during the term of ousted President Joseph Estrada, who had headed the PACC when he was vice president.

The four witnesses, who wore white t-shirts bearing the legend "No Turning Back," are now in the custody of the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (Isafp).

The Supreme Court is set to hear arguments on Tuesday on whether to re-open the case, after the Court of Appeals upheld a Quezon City court's decision dismissing the case in March 1999. The QC court dismissed the case after the principal witnesses recanted their testimonies.

Lacson and 26 other police officers were accused of killing or ordering the killing of 11 suspected members of the Kuratong Baleleng, a notorious robbery gang, on Commonwealth Ave., Quezon City on May 18, 1995.

Mary "Rosebud" Ong, a former civilian anti-narcotics agent who is a witness in other cases involving Lacson, attended yesterday's church service in a show of support for the new witnesses.

Ong voiced the hope the Supreme Court would reopen the case. "I hope the justices reopen the case based on truth and not on a technicality that the lawyers could play around with," she said, referring to the court rule that says a case may be dismissed if it is not reopened within two years.

Ong, who testified at the Senate investigation into Lacson's alleged drug links last year, said (it was likely) the Supreme Court would reopen the case since there are new witnesses.

Unlike Enad, the three other witnesses declined to be interviewed by the media.

During the religious service, Father Reyes prayed for the safety of the witnesses.

"Today we pray that the truth will be set free. That truth will be allowed to be the light that she is meant to be. Today we ask Jesus to give strength and faith to those who will speak the truth," Reyes said.

"We ask the Lord to bless and empower those who desire to go beyond the narrow interests of politics and business to also speak, support and defend the truth," he added.

PSG nabs speeding engineer behind presidential convoy

By Carlito Pablo

A ROMANCE-MINDED engineer who was arrested by the Presidential Security Group after he strayed into the presidential convoy at the North Luzon Expressway late Thursday later tested positive for methampethamine hydrochloride, or shabu, the PSG said.

PSG chief Col. Hermogenes Esperon identified the driver as Allan Bernabe, 29, of Dagupan City.

Bernabe, who claimed to have been rushing to a Valentine's Day date in Manila, had overtaken several cars in the convoy before he was stopped.

Television video footage showed him being slapped and kicked by the PSG escorts.

"He was seven vehicles away from the President," said Esperon, describing how close Bernabe, who was on board a 1996 brown Proton with plate number ADM 357, came to the car bearing President Macapagal-Arroyo.

"It was alarming," Esperon said.

Bernabe was released yesterday but was charged with reckless imprudence resulting in damage to property and with resisting arrest.

Esperon said Bernabe had bumped an ABS-CBN vehicle and an escort car of the PSG.

He said Bernabe was tested for drugs because of his "strange" behavior but was released as he was not found in possession of illegal substances.

The incident occurred at about 7:15 p.m. last Thursday between the Pulilan and Bocaue exit points of the expressway.

Ms Macapagal, who was traveling the expressway en route to the *pamanhikan* (engagement party) of her son Miguel "Mikey" Arroyo, was not even aware of the incident.

Esperon, who is from Pangasinan, said he checked out Bernabe through his contacts in the province and found that he "(was) a good citizen."

"He looked fairly decent and he had long hair," Esperon said.

He said Bernabe had claimed that he was not aware that he had driven into the presidential convoy.

The PSG chief pointed out, however, that it was nighttime and the vehicles' blinkers had been turned on so it was impossible for anyone not to have known that it was an official convoy.

Captive's wife seeks Loren aid

THE WIFE of an Army intelligence sergeant who, with three civilian agents, was captured in Sultan Kudarat last September by the New People's Army has asked Sen. Loren Legarda-Leviste to intercede for their freedom.

Aida Rosete, the wife of Sgt. Jeremias Rosete of the Military Intelligence Group, yesterday went to the Senate press office to air an appeal for the military to suspend military operations in 11 municipalities of Sultan Kudarat, South and North Cotabato, Davao del Sur and Sarangani Province.

The others who were abducted were civilian agents Pepito Simbulan of Luayan, Sultan Kudarat; Wilfredo Maldecir and Herminia Sorongan, both of Colombio, Sultan Kudarat.

They are being held by a group belonging to the Valentin Palamine Command of the communist New People's Army.

In a letter to Mrs. Rosete, the NPA's Kumander Dencio Madrigal said the captives could not be released until military operations are suspended in the specified municipalities.

"This is one requisite for a safe release. This is a serious step that would result in the turnover from the NPA to the international committee of the Red Cross until such time that they are safely returned to their respective families," Madrigal said.

Madrigal also gave an assurance to Rosete that her husband and the three other "prisoners of war" would be safe and would be cared for. ***Rocky Nazareno***

NEWSBRIEFS

House body won't touch complaint

THE HOUSE ethics committee is not going to act on the complaint filed against Speaker Jose de Venecia by the lawyer behind the failed impeachment bid against Ombudsman Aniano Desierto. Rep. Antonio Abaya, chair of the House ethics committee, said yesterday that his committee would inform lawyer Ernesto Francisco Jr., that his complaint against De Venecia cannot be acted upon because it was not verified and also because of lack of jurisdiction over one of two issues he had raised. Francisco had written Abaya last week seeking the investigation of De Venecia for allegedly favoring Desierto in the just-concluded impeachment proceedings against the Ombudsman. This was after ex-undercover agent Mary "Rosebud" Ong claimed that in an event they were all attending in December last year she overheard De Venecia telling Desierto not to worry about the House justice committee vote on the impeachment complaint. Learning about this development, Francisco said he would still proceed filing a verified complaint against De Venecia next week before Abaya's committee. ***Christine Avendaño***

It's Corona, most likely, this time

PRESIDENTIAL chief of staff Renato Corona may not be denied this time. Passed over as President Macapagal-Arroyo's first nominee to the Supreme Court, Corona is likely to win the President's endorsement to sit at the high court to replace retired Justice Jose Pardo. In her regular press conference, President Macapagal was asked whether her next appointee to the tribunal will come from her own people in Malacañang, in an allusion to Corona. "I have nothing against (appointing) coming from Malacañang," Ms Macapagal said. According to established rules, the JBC, which is chaired by the Chief Justice, submits a short list to the President whose choice becomes final. Antonio Carpio was President Macapagal's first nominee to the Supreme Court. Corona, 53, has been Ms Macapagal's chief of staff since she was still the Vice President. ***Carlito Pablo***

Gov't subsidy for political parties

SEN. Edgardo Angara yesterday sought the passage of a law that would provide direct state subsidy to political parties in order to strengthen the country's political party system. In filing a measure to be called the political party law, Angara said there was a need to discourage political turncoats, and lessen the dependence of political parties on moneyed vested interests for funds. He said that a complementary measure—a law on campaign finance reform—should also be passed to prevent the massive influence of dirty or vested interest money in political campaigns.

According to Angara, the two measures sought to overhaul the weak political system and lead to the institutional development of a system with ideology, code of conduct and maturity. ***Cynthia Balana***

Code-NGO head gets US award

THE HEAD of the Caucus of Development NGO Networks (Code-NGO) yesterday received an award for public service from the United States, a press statement from the Code-NGO said. Danilo Songco, Code-NGO national coordinator, received the Benigno Aquino Jr. Professional Development Award from former President Corazon Aquino and US Embassy charge d' affaires Robert Fitts during ceremonies at the US Ambassador's Residence in Makati. The award was established in 1988 by the US Embassy as part of its International Visitors Program to honor the martyred Benigno Aquino's record of accomplishment in journalism and public service. The US award recognized Songco's leadership and active involvement in social development and his outstanding contributions in the field of public service. Songco is also one of 44 Development Marketplace 2000 awardees of the World Bank for having authored Code-NGO's entry, "Localizing Civil Society's Campaign to Fight Poverty."

He heads the largest organization of development non-government organizations in the country with more than 2,500 members nationwide.

As part of the award, Songco was given an all-expense paid trip to any part of the US to pursue his professional interests there. Code-NGO designed the controversial Peace Eradication and Alleviation Certificate (PEACe) bonds to raise funds from the domestic capital market for its poverty alleviation programs. The bond issuance is now the subject of a congressional investigation to determine if Code-NGO was unfairly favored by its connections to the government. Songco is a member of the board of the Development Bank of the Philippines, an appointee of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

AFP rejects Libya offer

ARMED Forces chief of staff Gen. Diomedio Villanuea yesterday dismissed a reported offer by a son of Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi to negotiate the release of an American couple and a Filipino held hostage by the Abu Sayyaf in Basilan. In a radio interview, Villanueva said that negotiations are usually tainted by talks of ransom and other "under-the-table" deals. "I think we should not agree with it. That money would come back in the form of guns and bullets," he said. "We'd rather that we go on . . . we don't have to wait for people like (Seif el-Islam) Kadhafi to come here and urge them, encourage them to give up those hostages," he added. Kadhafi heads a nominally private organization that negotiated the release of Western hostages seized by the Abu Sayyaf from a Malaysian resort. ***Martin Marfil***

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Go back to prison, Jinggoy told

THE SANDIGANBAYAN yesterday ordered former San Juan Mayor Jinggoy Estrada, on trial for plunder with his ex-president father Joseph Estrada, to return to detention after a two-week confinement at the Makati Medical Center.

The young Estrada, rushed to the MMC for a recurring heart problem last Feb. 1, was expected to be back at the presidential suite of the Veterans Memorial Medical Center in Quezon City not later than 5 p.m., according to his doctor Larry Hocson.

The court said it based its order on his doctor's Feb. 7 medical report showing that his condition was no longer life threatening. It was Jinggoy's fourth time to be rushed to the MMC since he was arrested in April last year.

Also yesterday, the court allowed ex-president Estrada to have his post-surgery checkups at the Asian Eye Institute in Makati City, where he had his second cataract operation in three months on Feb. 10. The checkups were set on Feb. 18, 25 and March 4. ***Volt Contreras***

GMA asks banks to cut rates

PRESIDENT Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday urged banks to lower their lending rates, which are relatively high even though key interest rates have been cut to their lowest levels in six years. (***Related story on Business page, B1.***)

"I am asking the banks to lower their interest rates for the good of their small and large depositors," Ms Macapagal said in her weekly press briefing.

The President noted the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas had cut its overnight borrowing rate to 7.25 percent and the lending rate to 9.50 percent effective Friday but that banks had not all followed suit.

"It is sad that there are banks that are not sticking to the gentleman's agreement of the Central Bank of the Philippines and the BAP (Bankers Association of the Philippines)," Ms Macapagal said, referring to an informal agreement that bank interest rates will not be too far off from the government rates.

She did not say which banks were still keeping their lending rates high but warned that the state-owned banks had brought down their own interest rates as an example to the private banks.

"The competitiveness of the Philippines in the world will be affected if lending rates continue to go up in the banks," Ms Macapagal said.

"Our businessmen, especially those with a high debt exposure and interest rate expenses, they need this (rate reduction) to pay their debts and strengthen their enterprises," the President added.

The central bank has cut its overnight rates 14 times since December, 2000 but the country still has some of the highest interest rates in the region.

Some local banks charge as much as 13.3 percent for loans. ***AFP***

Indon lawyer for al-Ghozi coming Monday

JAKARTA—The mother of Indonesian Fathur Rohman al-Ghozi, who has been detained in the Philippines as an alleged terrorist bomb-maker, on Friday said she has hired a lawyer for her son.

"The case is still proceeding and we think we need a lawyer to speak on our behalf," said Rukanah, 56, from Madiun in East Java.

"I personally have no idea about my son's activities because he has always been quite reclusive. Everything that I know about his activity came from newspapers.

"He has always been a devoted and obedient son," Rukanah said. "If he is guilty, then it's God's will and as a parent I can only accept that fact."

The lawyer, Suryanto Bakrie, told reporters he would fly to The Philippines Monday and try to meet al-Ghozi.

"I don't know whether he's guilty or not," Bakrie said. "I can't yet answer if he is involved in terrorist activity in the Philippines or not."

Philippine police arrested al-Ghozi on Jan. 15. They accuse him of being the explosives expert for the Jemaah Islamiyah extremist group, which was said to be planning a bombing campaign against US targets in Singapore.

Singapore last month detained 13 suspected Jemaah Islamiyah militants.

Bakrie also represents a Muslim cleric, Ustad Abu Bakar Ba'asyir, who was questioned for two days last month by Indonesian police about alleged terrorism links.

Singapore and Malaysia allege that Ba'asyir is linked to Jemaah Islamiyah. Singapore says Jemaah in turn is connected to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida organization.

Ba'asyir has denied the allegations but has hailed Bin Laden as "a true Muslim fighter."

Bakrie denied that Ba'asyir had asked him to represent al-Ghozi, who once studied at an Islamic school run by the cleric.

He said Ba'asyir had told him that he "does not know who Fathur (al-Ghozi) is or what he looks like."

"At the time Fathur studied at Ngruki (the Islamic school), Mr. Ba'asyir had already left the school. There is no relation between Fathur and Mr. Ba'asyir," the lawyer said.

Indonesian Foreign Minister Hassan Wirayuda said last month that investigators had found that al-Ghozi, 31, possessed five different passports, explosive devices and cash totaling $18,000.

"These facts all add up to convincing and accurate evidence," the foreign minister said, urging all elements of Indonesian society to unite in fighting terrorism. ***AFP***

Erap surgery seen as pretext for exile

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was already convinced as early as June (that he needs to undergo knee surgery)."

Circulated last week, the House resolution has been signed by 130 legislators, according to its principal author Maguindanao Rep. Didagen Dilangalen. Nineteen of the 24 senators have also signed the counterpart resolution.

In Malacañang, President Macapagal-Arroyo bristled at suggestions that she was supporting the resolutions.

"Can we have the name of who made the insinuation and in what words," Ms Macapagal said with her voice rising when asked to comment on the report that she was in favor of the resolutions.

Informed that it was Dilangalen who said that the resolutions had the blessings of the Palace, the President said: "How can he ever speak for Malacañang?"

"He doesn't even know what's happening here," she added.

Also told that opposition Rep. Agapito "Butz" Aquino was claiming that the resolutions were being backed by the administration, the President said: "What makes him say that!"

Ms Macapagal reiterated her previous position that matters involving Estrada were up to the Sandigabayan, which is trying the ousted President for plunder and other criminal cases.

She said this stand also applied to her relations with Congress. "I don't meddle. Congress is an independent body," she said.

President's doctor

At her press conference, Ms Macapagal said she could not confirm whether her US-based doctor had checked on Estrada's condition.

She simply noted that her doctor was also the physician of Manolo Lopez, father of Estrada's son-in-law Beaver.

"But I don't tell my physician what to do. All I do is have my check up with him when I'm in San Francisco," the President said.

Dilangalen denied that the medical treatment was a pretext for sending Estrada into exile.

"Why will he go into exile? He will not go into exile," said Dilangalen, who is a frequent visitor in Estrada's hospital detention suite.

Dilangalen said the former President was not going into exile because the Philippines and the United States had signed an extradition treaty.

"If he does not return, Gloria will invoke the extradition treaty and he will lose face. But if Gloria does not invoke the extradition treaty, it will mean that she wants this and I don't think she will like (the criticisms)," he said.

"So this is a win-win situation," Dilangalen said of the resolution, which has gained many supporters belonging to the ruling Lakas-NUCD party.

Speaker Jose de Venecia said he was inclined to support the resolution but that he would have to consult with the majority first.

De Venecia said he would ask House members to consult their constituencies so that "it would be reflective of the national will and make our position stronger."

The Speaker said he would call a majority caucus in two weeks and a separate meeting with the House minority.

He said he wanted to find out if there was consensus among legislators before deciding whether to sign the resolution.

De Venecia, who was approached by Dilangalen for his signature, said he had discussed the resolution with Ms Macapagal.

"She told me that she is leaving it up to the Sandiganbayan," the Speaker said.

Poison in the air

But De Venecia admitted that "the major cause of the political poison in the air is the Estrada issue."

"The sooner we solve the Estrada problem, the better for this country so we can move forward," De Venecia said.

He is working for the holding of a national political summit on May 3-5.

Batanes Rep. Florencio "Butch" Abad, who refused to sign the resolution, said he could not say if exile was in the offing.

Abad, president of the Liberal Party, said once Estrada was allowed to go "it would be easy for him to justify a prolonged stay."

He noted that even before the May elections, there was already talk about sending Estrada into exile.

As early as Estrada's last days in Malacañang, the option of exile was discussed between emissaries of Estrada and then Vice President Macapagal.

Partylist members of the House like Representatives Etta Rosales of Akbayan and Satur Ocampo of Bayan Muna admitted that the resolution was part of the exile-Estrada scenario

"I think this will lead to exile," said Rosales, who did not sign the resolution.

"The move is Estrada's one-way ticket not only to escape from court proceedings and the charges against him but to evade the verdict that People Power II (which ousted him) already made," Ocampo said in a statement.

He denounced the move and urged those who signed the resolution to reconsider.

Tacit approval

"How short can our memory as a people and as a nation be. Last year we ousted Estrada for raiding the nation's coffers. Now, we are allowing him to travel abroad for a knee surgery. It's preposterous," Ocampo said.

Carol Araullo, Plunderwatch convenor, said Ms Macapagal's hands-off policy betrayed her "tacit approval" of the "behind-the-scenes deal between Estrada and his newfound allies in the administration."

"This is really jolting to those who took part and had faith in Edsa II. This is the most vulgar manifestation of political pragmatism on the part of our political elite," said the leader of the group monitoring the progress of the Estrada cases at the Sandiganbayan.

Legarda counting votes

Signatories like administration Sen. Loren Legarda, for example, "is already counting her votes in 2004 and has come to terms with the fact that the Estrada camp still holds a substantial following."

Araullo said she was no longer surprised to see previously anti-Estrada lawmakers among the signatories—like Rep. Raul Gonzales, a House prosecutor in the Estrada impeachment trial, and the so-called congressional "Spice Boys"—"for it's obvious from the start that many of them were merely opportunists."

The fisherfolk group Pamalakaya accused administration senators of accommodating Estrada's request to woo the opposition for the upcoming political summit in May.

Sen. Blas Ople proposed that the 19 senators, who signed the resolution, should be held liable in case Estrada opted to stay abroad.

Ople, author of the Senate resolution, said the arrangement was meant to assure the people that the disgraced President had no intention to escape and evade prosecution.

He said the overwhelming congressional support for his initiative would encourage a favorable atmosphere for Ms Macapagal's call for political reconciliation.

In Cebu, lawmakers were divided on whether Estrada should be allowed to travel to the United States for surgery.

Of the eight House members from Cebu, five have signed the resolution. Among those who signed it were Cebu Rep. Clavel Asas-Martinez (4th district), Jose Gullas (1st district), Simeon Kintanar (2nd district), Antonio Yapha (3rd district) and Joseph Ace Durano (5th district).

Those who refused to sign the resolution were Cebu City Representatives Antonio Cuenco (South District) and Raul del Mar (North district) and Cebu Rep. Nerissa Soon-Ruiz (6th district).

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4th Gawad Lagablab Awards
The Search for PSHS Outstanding Alumni
February 17, 2002, Edsa Shangri-La Hotel

MESSAGES

I am pleased to convey my warmest greetings to the PSHS as it celebrates its 38th Anniversary and I congratulate the winners of the Fourth Gawad Lagablab Awards. As the Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology, I am particularly supportive of the school's programs which are in line with the vision and thrusts of the department.

This event gives tribute to the products of excellence of the PSHS and their accomplishments in the field of science and technology. I commend the active participation of the alumni and their involvement in supporting the programs of the school. Let your demonstration of a strong commitment to the institution serve as an inspiration to our students who are expected to play key leadership roles in the country in the not too distant future.

I salute all of you for your contributions to S & T. It is my hope that you continue to help in the attainment of our national economic goals and the improvement of the quality of life of the Filipino.

ESTRELLA F. ALABASTRO
Secretary – DOST

After 38 years of existence, the Philippine Science High School System now includes seven campuses that have been established to cover the entire country. It has proven true to its objective of giving specialized education, in science and mathematics to Filipino gifted youth.

The PSHS System has graduated 7,421 students who have fanned out to different fields of science and technology. One has only to look around to note the leadership role its alumni have taken in scientific community, the academe, business and government.

As the first generation scholars of the PSHS close in on their goals, it is now the turn of the younger generations of PSHS scholars to be trailblazers of the country's path to recovery.

Ramon Miranda
RAMON R. MIRANDA
Executive Director – PSHS System

MY WARMEST greetings to the members of the PSHS Community who are here tonight and my warmest congratulations to the 4th Gawad Lagablab winners. My heartfelt gratitude to all those who have made this night possible.

Globalization, advances in science and technology, Edsa Dos, a new presidency, Balikatan seem not to improve our people's lives. The Filipino continue to be poorer and unemployed. But I believe that with the manpower base that our school is harvesting since it opened its doors to us in 1964, we could be that flicker of light at the end of the tunnel. To a new day.

Together we could change and improve things around us, armed with our God-given talents (I.Q. and better still, brush on your EQ) and perseverance in a milieu of Filipino resiliency. I know there are better things to come.

Virginia Irene R. Santos
VIRGINIA IRENE SANTOS, M.D., FPPS
1st Alumni Representative to the PSHS System Board of Trustees
PSHSAA President 1994, 1998
Chairperson, Gawad Lagablab Awards

The giving of awards has been the mainstay in the search for excellence in every aspect of human life.

The "Gawad Lagablab Awards" sponsored by the PSHS Alumni Association is one such award. For the association, the search for outstanding alumni provides an important mobilization mechanism, the strengthening of its alumni network. For the school, the awards constitute a feedback on how well it prepared the scholars for college and life.

For this industry (basically science and technology) – a rich harvest of nine Gawad Lagablab awardees and in addition two Special awardees for their moments of greatness, and one special awardee as alumni parent, the PSHS Foundation feels it had a part. Thus, it is spurred to continue to close the gap between government resources and the requirement of an excellent high school education, which is its reason for being. We appeal to the friends of the Foundation and all of those who choose to belong to continue with their generosity.

Congratulations to the Awardees and to all who made this a meaningful awards night.

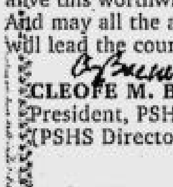
TITUS C. VILLANUEVA
Chairman
PSHS Foundation

Congratulations to the Awardees who were all adolescents during my watch as Director of the Philippine Science High School. Some of them were "nerds", some missed their lessons sometimes; some had very good study habits; others were bubbling with energy. That we honor them tonight as outstanding scientists and dedicated professionals imbued with social responsibility is a recognition that excellence as an objective of the Philippine Science High School is being fulfilled.

It is to be noted that in whatever field the PSHS alumni are, they introduce the scientific method in their work and they stand out and excel. In fact many PSHS alumni are now contributing to national – and even international – developments through their remarkable accomplishments in their respective fields of endeavor.

Congratulations, too, to the PSHS Alumni Association for keeping alive this worthwhile project which we hope to be sustained regularly. And may all the awardees since its start form a Corps of experts that will lead the country to everybody's prosperity.

CLEOFE M. BACUNGAN
President, PSHS Foundation
(PSHS Director, 1967-1987)



Greetings ad Mabuhay to the Awardees of the Fourth PSHSAA Gawad Lagablab.

The PSHSAA Gawad Lagablab gives recognition to graduates of the Philippine Science High School who have excelled in their respective fields of endeavor. Through the awardees, both present and past, can be gleaned the contribution that the school and the awardees has given to National Development and Filipino Excellence.

Through the years, the PSHSAA Gawad Lagablab has became a challenge to all former Philippine Science Scholars to give their best, excel in their profession, contribute to National Development and prove Filipino Excellence.

As a former PSHSAA Gawad Lagablab Awardee, it gives me immense pleasure in congratulating and welcoming this year's awardees. Again this is proof of the maturing of the Philippine Science High School Alumni Association to become an important institution for the school and for the country.

Again, Mabuhay to the PSHSAA Gawad Lagablab Awardees.

RAMON I. CASTILLO
President, PSHSAA 2002

Developing the critical mass

THE NATION'S attention is now focused on science and technology as the impetus towards rapid industrialization and technological advancement. The attainment of this aspiration however, is anchored on the development of the critical mass of scientists and engineers.

One such institution addressing the call for strengthened human resource development is the PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM. It aims to support the country's need for leaders who will steer the nation's scientific and technological advancement by taking under wings of its seven campuses the country's gifted teenagers and molding them into future scientists and engineers.

Admission to the PSHS is highly selective. The PSHS National Competition is given annually to select the best among the graduating elementary school students. The Main Campus in Diliman accepts 240 while the regional campuses in Davao, Iloilo, Tacloban, Nueva Vizcaya, Lanao del Norte and Camarines Sur each accept 90 freshmen every year. Together, these students represent the upper 5% of the population of elementary school graduates. For schoolyear 2001-2002, 2,691 students from all over the Philippines are enrolled in the seven PSHS campuses.

The PSHS offers a special science curriculum suited to the abilities of its gifted students. Since all PSHS students are expected to pursue courses related to science and technology, this curriculum provides the foundation for their future careers.

Since its establishment in 1964, the PSHS System has produced 7,421 graduates who are contributing to the country's scientific manpower pool. Its graduates can also be found tobe excelling in the government and business sectors as well as in the arts.

The global science feature players that are more knowledgeable and sophisticated. As prominent figures in their respective professions, the PSHS alumni must continue to use their skills in science and technology for the good of our country, especially the welfare of our less priveleged countrymen.

A LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – to Atty. Titus B. Villanueva given by the PSHS Alumni Association, PSHS Foundation & PSHSPTA

Titus B. Villanueva, was already 65 years old last September 13, 2001 and should have been already retired from the government service – the Bureau of Customs which he has been serving for the last 40 years. He was extended by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo for 6 months. So he was the first Centennial Commissioner of the Bureau of Customs on its 100th year anniversaryon February 06, 2002. He is also the first in the Bureau to rise from the ranks, from a lowly clerk to the highest position of a Commissioner with no derogatory conduct in the performance of his duty.

He is a lawyer (UPLB '59), a CPA (UE – BSBA '64) and a Certified Customs Broker since 1966. At present, he is the Chairman of the Board of Examiners for the Customs Broker Professional Regulation Commission. He is a Career Executive Service Officer (CESO-1).

Teresita O. Claridad-Villanueva, the wife of Titus and a mother of seven children, is a physician. She graduated from the College of Medicine, UP in 1961, passed the Medical Board in the same year. She tried to balance the rigorous pressures of being an understanding and loving wife to a very busy husband, a devoted mother to her children and a dedicated medical doctor to her patients and her socio-civic life.

She is a recepient of a few awards butlike her husband who was a Golden Ama awardee in 1991, her most cherished one was when she received her Gintong Ina Award in 1992. Together in 1995, they received the Most Outstanding Parents Award given by the Golden Mother and Father Foundation and the Ideal Community Foundation at the PICC on July 23, 1995.

Now she has left her formal medical practice because she now has a daughter-physician. However, she is still as busy as before because she joined her children in their businesses, as Treasurer of their Holding Company.

Six of their seven children were scholars at Philippine Science High School (PSHS). Their youngest excels in the Arts.

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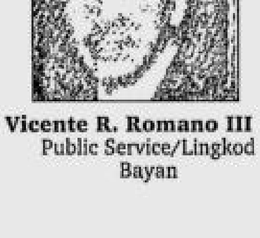

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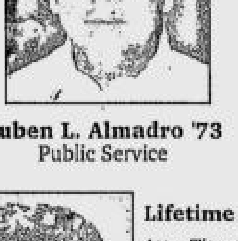

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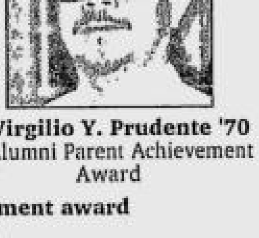

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Atty. Titus Villanueva

THE PHILIPPINE Science High School Foundation Inc. (PSHSFI), the PSHS Alumni Association and the PSHS Parents-Teachers Association (PTA) awards this "Lifetime Achievement Award" to Bureau of Customs Centennial Commissioner Atty. Titus B. Villanueva for his sustained and generous assistance to the Philippine Science High School as a former PTA president, as a former PSHSFI president and not its Chairman since 1997 and having six of his seven children admitted to the Philippine Science High School who are making good in the entrepreneurial aspect of industry. The seventh child excels in the arts.

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Who needs 8 hours of sleep?

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eight hours a night were 12 percent more likely to die within the study's six-year period compared with those who slept only seven hours.

The risk rose to 15 percent for those who slept for more than eight hours or less than four-and-a-half hours nightly.

"People who sleep five, six or seven hours have nothing to worry about. There is no evidence that people need eight hours of sleep . . . The only basis for that is it's what grandma used to say," said Dr. Daniel Kripke, the study's lead author.

Participants were aged 30 to 102. Few reported frequent insomnia—which, despite popular belief, was not associated with an increased risk of death.

Kripke, who sleeps eight hours a night, said the study showed that longer sleep is a risk factor for cancer as well as heart disease and stroke.

But he said more research was needed to determine whether sleeping longer should be added to the growing list of one-time pleasures—like smoking and alcohol—that had been deemed hazardous to one's health.

Too much food

The study was not designed to find out why sleeping longer may be bad.

But Kripke likened the need for sleep to the need for food—getting less than what one actually wants might be better in the long run.

Sleep experts said Kripke's research, although provocative, had several flaws.

They said it relied on patients' recollections of their sleep habits and did not ask if they took naps. It did not look at the quality of people's sleep or whether they felt drowsy all day.

"Many studies show that if people don't get adequate sleep, they are very sleepy during the day. Their ability to perform tasks is impaired, the risk of accident is higher and people are crabby," said James Walsh, president of the National Sleep Foundation.

Mere statistics

Walsh said the study did not prove that people who got seven hours of sleep had longer lives—it showed only a statistical relationship.

He said evidence still suggested that the average adult needed seven-and-a-half to eight-and-a-half hours of sleep to be wide-awake, energetic and alert during the day.

Walsh also said the San Diego study was not a true random sampling of the population and more studies were needed.

According to the study, the best survival rates were found among those who slumbered seven hours a night.

Although the research was conducted from 1982 to 1988, the results had not been available until recently because of technological constraints and the length of time needed to analyze the vast amount and variety of data.

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Copy cat is world's first cloned kitty

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it until DNA results could confirm she was a genetic match to her mother.

"CC is developing normally for a kitten its age and appears healthy," said Mark Westhusin, lead investigator of the CopyCat project.

CC, the first genetically reproduced animal companion, is a domestic shorthair cat like her mother "Rainbow," although she differs somewhat in coloring because developmental factors influence pigmentation in cats.

She was the only one of 87 implanted cloned embryos to survive the experiment, according to the journal Nature.

That is comparable with the success rate seen in the cloning of sheep, mice, cows, goats and pigs, but if the odds can be shortened the possibility of pet cloning could be just a whisker away, Nature said.

The scientists used a grant from Genetic Savings and Clone to clone the cat.

Unlike other groups working to clone sheep and cattle that produce medicine in their milk, Genetic Savings has a less ambitious but perhaps more heartwarming goal—helping people breed twins of their beloved pets.

The company's website urges: "Store your favorite pet's DNA."

The Humane Society of the United States instantly objected to the cloning, saying there were already too many unwanted cats and dogs in the United States.

Lou Hawthorne, chief executive officer of Genetic Savings, said millions of homeless cats and dogs destroyed at shelters each year may eventually benefit from the research.

"It takes eggs to make clones, hundreds if not thousands of eggs. Where do we get those eggs? From spay clinics. What do we give them in exchange for those eggs? We give them money. They will spay hundreds of times more cats with the money we give them than each single clone we make," Hawthorne said.

The first project of Genetic Savings was called Missyplicity—aimed at making a copy of a much-loved longhaired mongrel called Missy. The dog was somewhat of a wonder dog, highly deserving of being reproduced in perpetuity.

But it is hard to clone a dog.

Duane Kraemer, a cloning expert at the Texas university, says dog eggs are difficult to get and nurture.

"The canine reproductive cycle is much more complex," he added.

Once it became clear they could not immediately clone someone's Fluffy, the company turned to gene banking.

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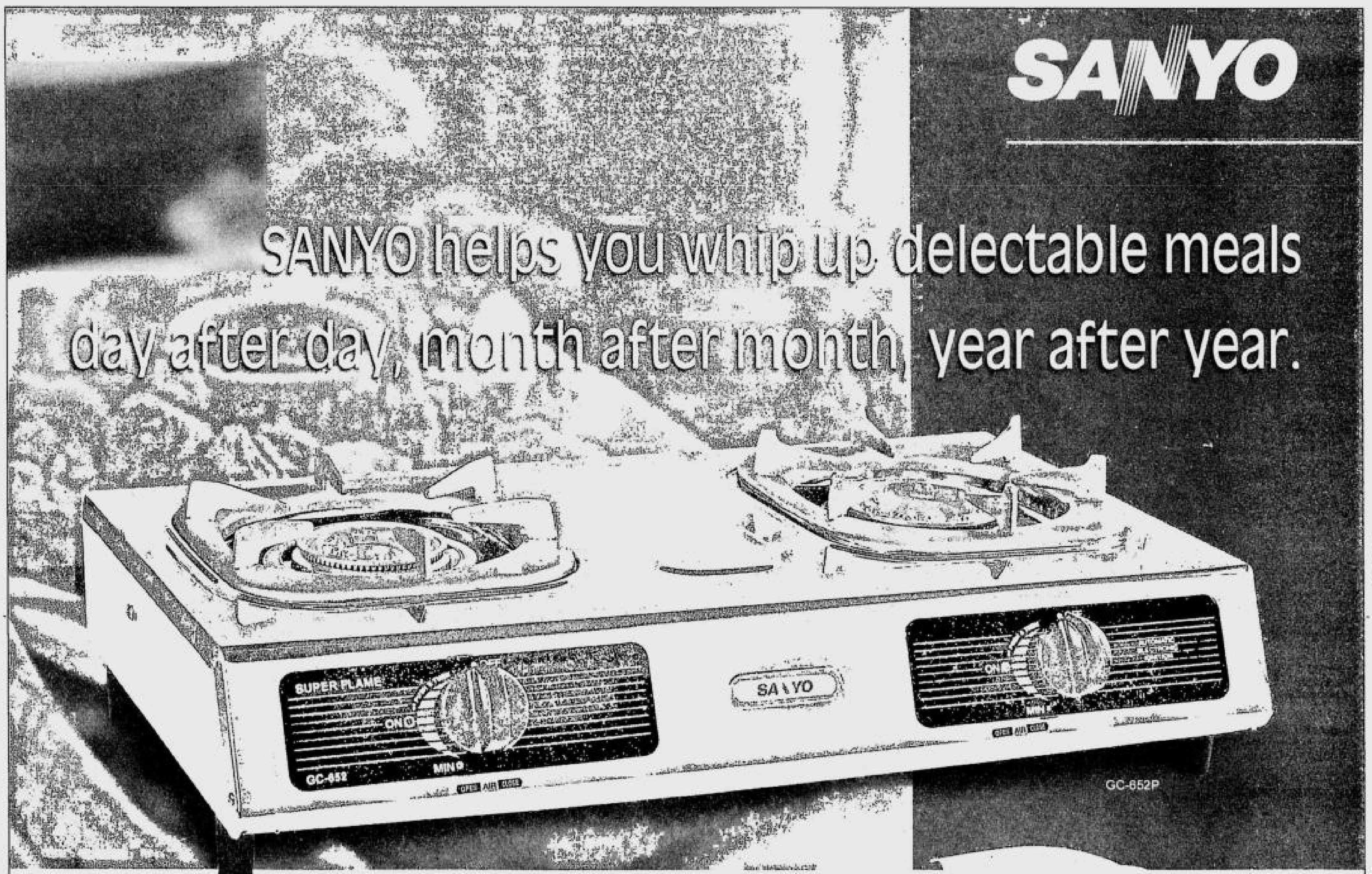
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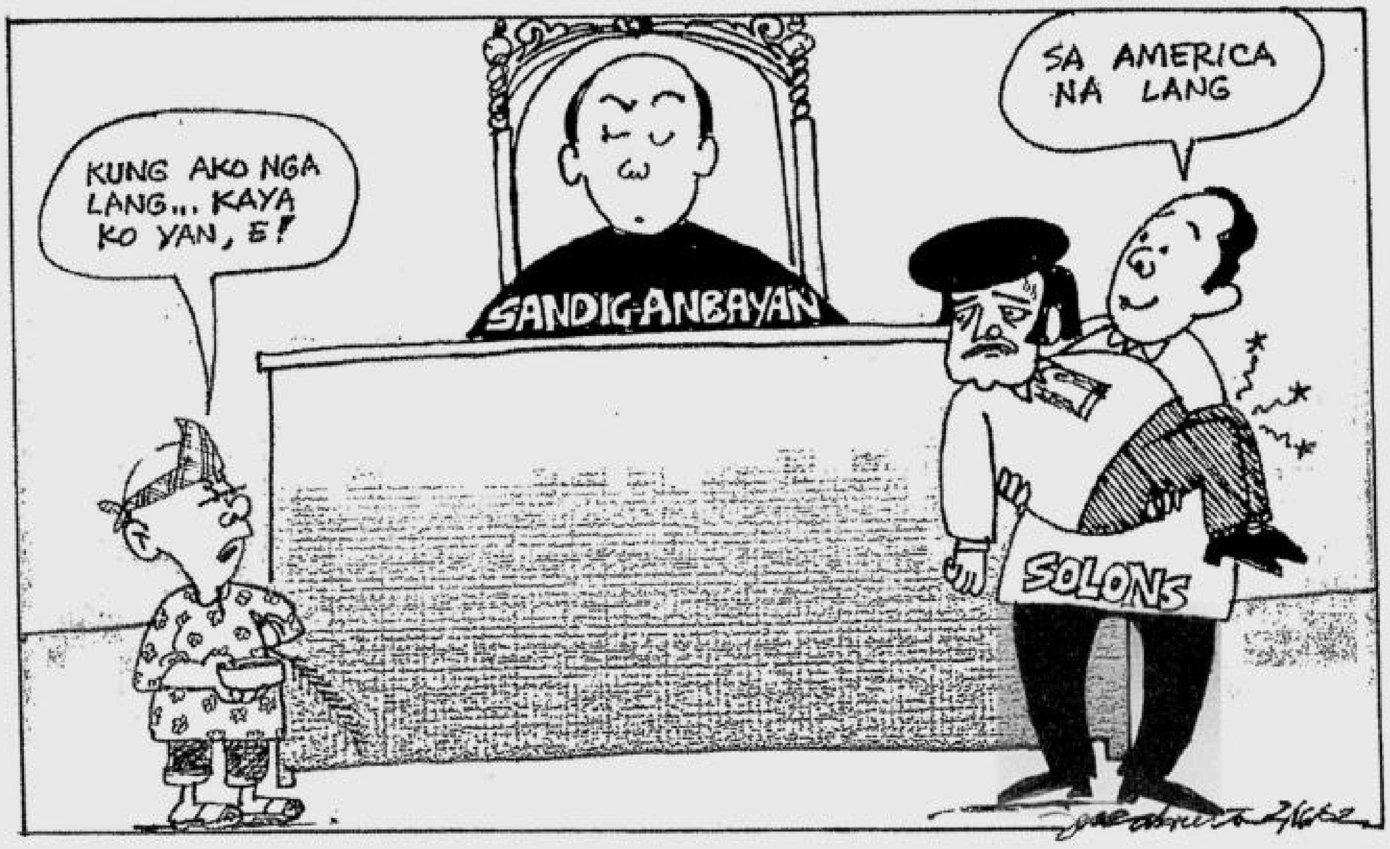

Focus on Abu Sayyaf

EDITORIAL

THE LAST hitch in the start of the RP-US military exercises in Mindanao was finally lifted last Wednesday when the amended terms of reference (TOR) to govern the exercises was signed by senior officials of the Department of Foreign Affairs and the US State Department.

The amended TOR supersedes the one signed last January and amplifies two sensitive issues that had been sore points. The first concerned the scope of the exercises, and the second, the coordination of American and Filipino forces without exacerbating sovereignty issues.

Vice President and Foreign Secretary Teofisto Guingona gave the go-ahead for the signing of the TOR after the United States accepted the Philippine proposal that the exercises "shall not in any way contribute to an escalation of other conflicts in Mindanao." Guingona said the United States had agreed that the exercises "shall not adversely affect the progress of ongoing peace negotiations between the Philippines and other parties, and shall not put at risk the friendly relations between the Philippines and its neighbors, as well as other states."

This provision seeks to limit the scope of the exercises to combating the Abu Sayyaf, which has been linked by US intelligence to the al-Qaida international terrorist network. It answers Philippine concerns that while under the TOR, American forces cannot initiate hostile action during the exercises against the Abu Sayyaf but they can fight back if attacked, US forces might expand the scope of fighting to take on the Moro Islamic Liberation Front and the Moro National Liberation Front. The new TOR sees to it that the action is focused. The Philippine government has a strong reason to be concerned that the peace talks now under way with the MILF are not derailed by the exercises.

The other concern answered by the TOR is that the joint exercises would not be open-ended to enable the United States to use staging points in the Philippines to fight terrorist networks in friendly neighbors such as Indonesia.

However, the TOR remains ambiguous about command structures of Philippine and American forces participating in the exercises. It recognizes the existence of two separate commands which are to take orders from their respective exercise training directors working as co-equal entities. In theory, the sovereignty of the participating states is respected. In reality and in combat situations, the TOR is silent on what the contingents will do when and if they encounter hostile action. In short, the TOR papers over the sphere of action of US forces and at best reminds them that there is a framework of rules within which they can operate. But when hostilities break out, rules don't work; soldiers in the heat of battle have no other concern than to crush the enemy in the best way they can.

The TOR has probably been stretched to assuage some serious misgivings about who will direct the military exercises and how long they will last. It ensures that Filipino troops will not be commanded by US officers and that the exercises will not be a prelude to a longer-term US military presence or even a return of the much reviled US military bases. The TOR is specific in saying that the exercises will not last more than six months.

Old traumas, however, take a long time to heal. So it would come as a big surprise if the TOR will ease concerns over impairment of sovereignty and independence raised by the many groups opposing the presence of US troops in the Philippines.

Cradle of propaganda

FOREIGN COMMENT

AS THE CAMERAS focus on Salt Lake City, no one can forget the tragic events of Sept. 11. Five months ago—almost day for day—America was wounded. Its beliefs shaken. President Bush declared war on terrorism. The Olympics were in doubt.

Utah showed the way. It was a cry from the heart of an injured nation. The message was clear: the United States needs these games. To reassure. To heal the wounds. The Olympic ideal was taken hostage and was transformed into an expression of international solidarity. A first step toward victory against evil.

Today the inhabitants of Salt Lake City are thanking the whole world for daring to come.... But the organizing committee has used the occasion to render homage to the victims of Sept. 11. A program which has caught the International Olympic Committee unprepared. With a strong symbol: the arrival in the Rice-Eccles Stadium of the Ground Zero flag.

Is this takeover of the Olympics for purely patriotic ends justified? The answer depends on individual feelings. The Olympic movement doesn't want to see "its" games turned into a cradle of propaganda—even subconscious. Or that the games become a rallying point in the US crusade against terror. ***Tribune de Geneve (Geneva)***

The right to a speedy trial

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

THE LAWYERS of Joseph Estrada are at it again. Consistent with their strategy of delay, presumably to postpone their client's conviction, they are now questioning the new schedule of hearings announced by the special division of the Sandiganbayan trying his case.

For the nonce, according to Chair Minita Chico-Nazario, the trial will again be held thrice a week, comformably to the original schedule that was shortened to twice a week only because of the Christmas season. Justice Edilberto Sandoval, a member of that division, said that daily hearings would be held later to speed up the disposition of the case.

The new schedule is a reaction to the recent resolution of the Supreme Court chiding the Sandiganbayan for the slow pace of its decisions, some of which have been pending for as many as 10 years. The special division has evidently no intention of letting the plunder case sleep that long.

The public itself has become increasingly impatient over the many incidents that have slowed Estrada's case. His lawyers are obviously pursuing in earnest the game plan boasted by one of them to delay their client's trial by at least five years. They did seriously challenge the constitutionality of the Plunder Law, which has been sustained on the merits by the Supreme Court. Most of their motions, however, have deservedly been given short shrift for their obvious triviality.

Their motion for the cancellation of a hearing last month invoked grounds that practically mocked the Sandiganbayan. One of them said he needed to catch up on his sleep, another had to pray to the Virgin of Manaoag, and a third wanted to visit her aged mother. All these antics were not lost on the court and on a public no longer amused by their tomfoolery.

They are now protesting, without much conviction, that the new speeded-up schedule is inimical to their client's interests. Why so, when they themselves say they are sure Estrada will be exonerated? An innocent accused will insist on his right to a speedy trial to hasten his acquittal. Only the guilty will want to postpone his case as long as he can to evade his certain conviction and punishment.

Estrada himself has declared that he wants his trial terminated as soon as possible so his name will be vindicated. That may be a pose, but in any event his lawyers do not agree. While they should be the first to welcome the new schedule in keeping with their client's expressed wishes, they are in fact the very first to oppose it.

I'm not sure if one of them was serious when he said that the new schedule would force them to "raise the white flag and withdraw" as Estrada's counsel. Another made the same threat, claiming their additional workload would prejudice their other clients. Big deal. Even if they have other cases demanding their attention, the former President's plunder trial, a first in the judicial and political history of our country, should still have priority.

And for goodness' sake, there are *seven* of them with their respective staffs, not to mention Chief Justice Andres R. Narvasa as their legal adviser and moral support. They can take turns attending Estrada's trial so their other clients will not be neglected.

Let us not dismiss the hefty attorney's fees these lawyers are receiving from Estrada, who is not known for lack of funds or his stinginess in rewarding loyalty. If the lawyers deny this and say they are defending him as a labor of love, this is all the more reason why they should give preference to him over their other clients.

If they do make good their threat to abandon Erap, there will be no lack of lawyers who will jump at the chance to be their substitutes. The enticement alone of their increased income, plus their improved exposure as *abogados de campanilla* now representing no less than a former president of the Philippines, would be a financial and professional windfall too tempting to resist.

In the improbable event that no reputable lawyer agrees to take over as Erap's counsel, the court will have to appoint a counsel *de oficio* for his defense. It is imperative that the accused be provided with legal assistance because he usually does not have the professional and emotional competence to defend himself. This is particularly true of Erap, who cannot be described as cerebral except possibly by his *bakya* followers.

The right to a speedy trial is available not only to the accused but also to the prosecution. Both are entitled to the disposition of the case without any unnecessary delay that will frustrate the ends and administration of justice. The prosecution is not supposed to wait interminably while the accused employs all manner of dilatory tactics to evade his conviction.

In People v. Dichoso, 96 SCRA 957, defense counsel submitted the case for decision without presenting any evidence because of the continuous failure of his client to appear at 12 scheduled hearings. Convicted, she appealed through a new lawyer, arguing that she had been denied the right to be heard. The Supreme Court sustained the trial court, holding that "speedy justice is as much a prerogative of the Accused as of Complainant."

It's time the defense panel stopped procrastinating and, as responsible officers of the court, squarely faced the charges against Joseph Estrada. The Filipino people have a right to know if their former president is as pure as a new-born babe or a scoundrel of the highest rank.

'Ni hay, ni ho'

GET REAL

Solita Collas-Monsod

THE SACKING of Manny Crisostomo as chief executive officer of the Pag-IBIG Fund by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo is too eerily reminiscent of the way then President Joseph Estrada sacked Mel Alonzo (one of Crisostomo's predecessors) for comfort. Both Alonzo and Crisostomo were the last to know—having been presented with their successors as a *fait accompli*, or, as we would say in Filipino, *ni hay, ni ho*.

To be sure, there is a basic difference: Estrada fired Alonzo in a fit of pique when he happened to see a Pag-IBIG TV ad featuring her, with the picture of Fidel Ramos in the background. Ms Macapagal fired Crisostomo at the request of HUDCC Chair Mike Defensor, who is her point man for housing. Crisostomo's fault was that he was against the proposal to attach Pag-IBIG to the proposed Department of Housing, which was construed by Defensor as going against the President's policy; and that he conducted a disinformation campaign among Pag-IBIG employees and members.

Ms Macapagal herself has justified her actions vis-à-vis Crisostomo by saying that: (a) he was not a team player, (b) he and Defensor could no longer work together, so one of them had to go, and (c) that anyway, Crisostomo, as a career executive service officer (he is Ceso I, which I understand is the highest one can go in government as a career official) will be "thrown in the Ceso pool" and apparently easily obtain work in some other government agency.

Methinks the President has acted too hastily in this matter. And unless she rectifies it, there may be far-reaching and negative implications not only on the future of the civil service as an institution, but also on the future of Pag-IBIG as a provident fund for 4.9 million members.

Take the impact on the civil service. Crisostomo has been in the government service for 25 years, 17 of which was with the Pag-IBIG Fund, and all of which was in housing. But that record is not rare in government. What is rare is that Crisostomo has an impeccable reputation which was never tarnished as he rose from the ranks. He is regarded by his colleagues as "an outstanding public official who serves as a model and inspiration to all career executives."

Yet he gets kicked out. Think of the message that it sends to all other career executives: Competence and honesty and concern for the government institution you serve get you in trouble. Better to be corrupt and incompetent as long as you don't get on the wrong side of the political powers that be.

Can Crisostomo be criticized as a team "spoiler" rather than a player, going against presidential policy? No. Consider that there really was no clear articulation of policy that would operationalize the President's Sona commitment that housing was one of her priority areas until she challenged the private sector to help revitalize the sector and asked it to spearhead an effort to articulate specific policies and programs for this purpose. The result was a report entitled "Towards an Invigorated Housing Industry for Catalyzing National Development" which was developed with and concurred in by the HUDCC, shelter agencies and GFIs and which the President accepted with much fanfare during the Housing Summit last Oct. 24.

The report first states that strengthening the HUDCC is preferred to the creation of a costly department. However, it goes on to say that if the creation of a Housing Department is inevitable, then the Department "...must be composed of the National Housing Authority (NHA) and the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB) only. **All other housing agencies must remain independent.**" (Emphasis added.)

The position of Crisostomo and the Pag-IBIG Fund that it should not be an attached agency to the department is therefore consistent with what the President accepted last October. Moreover, this is the position that Pag-IBIG has always taken whenever the subject of a department has come up and it is based, not only on the original charter of Pag-IBIG, but on a clear long-term vision for a sustainable contractual savings and housing finance system.

If the President is not yet convinced, perhaps she should be reminded that Pag-IBIG, by its charter, is primarily a provident fund "private in character, owned wholly by the members" which is "administered in trust and applied exclusively for their benefit." It is not, as many perceive it, a public housing finance institution.

Which brings us to the future of the fund, now owned by 4.9 million members, if it is forced by law to be under the direct supervision and operational control of the proposed Department of Housing. In order to imagine this future, just contemplate the Social Security System whose cash flow may turn negative as early as 2004 as a result of political predation, and see how such interference would affect Pag-IBIG.

Pag-IBIG now has assets of P120 billion, and a net worth of P90 billion, not a centavo of which came from the government as equity. Its net worth would have been more, except that it was forced to "bail out" the same government housing finance institution (the NHMFC) twice in 10 years. Think of what could happen, if, because of the proposed scheme, Pag-IBIG would go the way of the SSS and the NHMFC.

Crisostomo has been trying to prevent this frightening prospect from happening. Getting fired is his reward.

Congress members use emotion instead of reason

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

DOUBTLESS it was because it was Valentine's Day that 19 senators chose to follow their hearts and not their heads in signing a resolution urging the Sandiganbayan to allow deposed President Estrada to travel to the United States for an arthritic knee operation. The House has followed the senators' lead and some 128 members reportedly have endorsed a similar resolution, although it's clear that Speaker Jose de Venecia, like his counterpart, Senate President Franklin Drilon, is wisely distancing himself from it. De Venecia told me that he is disposed to leaving this controversial issue to the wisdom of the Sandiganbayan. The Senate resolution is obviously grounded on emotion, not reason, and it is significant that out of six lawyers in the Senate, only two have signed it, namely, Sen. Edgardo Angara and Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel. Aside from Drilon, the senator-lawyers opposed to it are Joker Arroyo, Renato Cayetano and Francis Pangilinan (a fifth is non-lawyer Manny Villar). Quite heartening is the clarity of vision of the four senator-lawyers about the separation of powers and the independence of the branches of government.

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Drilon put the issue quite succinctly, although I understand that Sen. Loi Ejercito was quite taken aback that he, a former close ally who split from her husband over the Singson exposé and thereby lost the Senate presidency, has opposed the resolution. Drilon argued that the resolution constitutes "undue interference" from the Senate on what is a purely judicial matter and violates the principle of the separation of powers. He stressed that it is "tantamount to telling the court how to decide on the petition" which is not right, considering how the Senate itself is so jealous about preserving its independence. Drilon also argued that the resolution might encourage others with pending court cases (and the means to travel) to seek a Senate endorsement. It's a no-win situation for the Senate, he opined. If the court rules favorably on Erap's petition to travel, people would say it succumbed to Congress' pressure; but if the court disapproves it, then the Senate would be embarrassed for having interfered.

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I agree. For instance, what would stop former Rep. Romeo Jalosjos from getting a House endorsement for medical treatment abroad? Congress should have kept a hands-off position toward the Sandiganbayan, as President Macapagal did.

Another good reason for opposing the resolution has been advanced by political pundits: Erap could use this trip to escape justice here. Besides, there are excellent surgeons here.

By the way, someone asked me why I laud the senator-lawyers who opposed the resolution whereas I don't lament a similar resolution endorsed by the lawyers in the House. I'm frankly dismayed at the stand of some of my lawyer-friends in the House who can't seem to see the need to refrain from applying any pressure on the Sandiganbayan. I can only hope wisdom will descend on them.

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This Valentine week, it's apt to focus on the labor of love of two concert pianists—US-based Reynaldo Reyes and Ingrid Sala-Santamaria of Cebu—who have been taking classical music to the countryside, in a real missionary crusade. Their recent second tour took them through nine cities and towns in the Visayas and Mindanao and ended with an open-air concert at the Luneta. They played to a good cross-section of provincial society in school gyms, hotel ballrooms and parks.

Looking for two pianos in good condition is no mean feat in some places, but looking for cooperative local officials can be even tougher. Among the exceptions was San Jose de Buenavista in Antique, one of the 20 poorest provinces, where Gov. Sally Zaldivar-Perez helped find the pianos and led some 2,000 Antiqueños to a gym where the concert was held.

For Reyes and Santamaria, every trouble is worth taking, for in the open forum following the concert they get an enormous response from the provincial audiences, most of whom are being exposed to classical music for the first time. Reyes annotates each selection in his lively manner, making it understandable even to the unschooled folks. This June and July, the two pianists plan to take their concert tour through the Calabarzon area, where Reyes hopes to play for the first time in his native Alitagtag, Batangas, as well as in the north.

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Reyes, who's based in Towson College in Baltimore, Maryland, confesses to pangs of guilt as he teaches American kids in various places in the United States about the beauty and the joys of classical music, whereas there's a bigger need to do so here. To salve his conscience, Reyes has been coming back during summers to hold music clinics, and over the past year he has teamed up with Santamaria to concertize around the country. Santamaria herself has devoted 10 years to a music development program in Cebu where students are on full scholarship under the sponsorship of the Sala Foundation that her family put up in honor of her parents, Salvador and Pilar Sala (her mother was her first teacher, after which she trained in the Juilliard School of Music in New York and subsequently under maestros Ben Tupas, Jose Contreras and Reynaldo Reyes). Santamaria's efforts led to the formation of a youth orchestra in Cebu which has since been transformed into the Peace Philharmonic Philippines.

The two pianists' efforts to expose Filipinos to classical music are admirable, and I hope they will find support from corporate sponsors to sustain their provincial concerts. They entertain requests from local officials. Ingrid Santamaria can be reached at 24 San Felipe St., Magallanes Village, Makati, Tel. No. 852-7365/833-4382.

Between fish and lilacs

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

ONE of the most amusing lines in "The Vagina Monologues" comes in the monologue about how women all over the world had to struggle—at times openly, most of the time furtively—before they could stage a production of "TVM" or even watch it. In one city, theatergoers had to pass through a picket of protesting fundamentalist Christians.

"As you know," a character says, "Christians don't have vaginas." At the staging of "TVM" in Davao, two nuns waited for the cast members backstage. "We just want you to know," the sisters said, "that we have vaginas, too." In Hong Kong, a woman walked out of the theater even before the play ended. She was particularly incensed at the "Christians don't have vaginas" line. She wrote in the "comments" book: "I am a Christian and I have a vagina." But the punch line is the revelation that the woman's husband refused to leave until the end, so his wife was left to simmer in the theater lobby.

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"WHAT?! She's writing about vaginas again?" readers must be asking.

Truth to tell, I had hoped to put the subject of vaginas behind me forever, having embarrassed my family enough. But the Feb. 13 column elicited such a wide range of responses, I thought I should share them with you.

For starters, my cousin Pat Mangonon texted me to say: "Oh my God, Rina! Your column today is really shocking!" But she was not too shocked to ask where she could buy tickets for the V-Day Event on Feb. 23 at the Folk Arts Theater. The answer: At all Ticketworld outlets, with prices ranging from P50 to P1,200.

Lenny from Chicago wrote to say that she had "a blast" reading the column. "I saw the play at the Apollo Theater in Chicago last Saturday with a bunch of girlfriends and we had a ball!" she added. "I wish I was home right now to watch the Pinoy version—I'm sure I can relate to it more. Good luck to your forthcoming theater endeavor...break a leg(?)!"

Tony Alfonso says that "you made me laugh so hard" with that column, and that "to this day, recalling your 'isboooh' column still makes me smile." Coming from an Ilocano, and a candidate for a Ph.D. in plant molecular biology at Cornell University, that's certainly an honor, Tony!

On the other hand, Lina Garcia wrote: "Geez! I must admit I share your daughter's embarrassment despite my age (49).

"I'm no prude but I still prefer a clinical or perhaps a classroom approach to the subject of (the) vagina to a 'theatrical' approach or whatever genre is used in delivering the message of the 'Vagina Monologues.' And if I could go by that 'smell' as a sample of what to expect, the monologues would probably taste as (bad as?) the smell."

I'll give you a sample of a line I have to say during "V-Day," Lina, just to give you an idea. To the question "What does your vagina smell like?" one answer is: "Between fish and lilacs."

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BY NOW we know that this whole subject matter either stinks like rotten fish or exudes the fragrance of lilacs, depending on where you stand in the entire gender/sexuality/free expression/ morality/ good taste debate.

Lourdes Tanchuling is firmly on the side of the "silence is golden" school. For lack of space, I can only quote a portion of her letter.

Says she: "You may find my views antiquated. You may be right. I am a doting grandmother of 14 lovely girls...and six winsome boys...But mind you: I am very concerned that all of them grow up in an atmosphere of love, truth and a deep sense of faith. I want them to treat human sexuality not as a vulgar, laughing matter but as something sacred and precious, a gift of God that has to be treasured and carefully lived. How can our youth cherish or much less understand their growing responsibilities in a more mature stage of their life when such delicate matters are treated obscenely by (their) elders?"

Ma'am, could I just ask you: Can't sex be treated as, yes, a sacred and precious gift from God, but also as something fun, pleasurable and funny? I urge you to try to catch a performance of "TVM" or the V-Day Event and judge for yourself if indeed it is "obscene." I believe it is not.

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FINALLY, from Francis Tanglao-Aguas, who with his students had been trying to stage a V-Day Event at the Ateneo de Manila, a copy of his letter to his superiors informing them that he was resigning in view of the administration's decision to ban "TVM." "This is a wonderful play that needs to be heard," he argues in a position paper. "It is a play of women reclaiming their own image, their own sexuality that has been exotified to the hilt. It is about women defining themselves, in their own terms."

As a teacher of the humanities, says Aguas, he would be doing his mentors, role models and students a disservice "if I continue to work for an institution that censors, refuses to support or endorse a work of art." It would also be an "outright act of hypocrisy" to his students, he added, "who I adamantly insist to be brave and bold in honing their own voices as artists, as human beings."

"Filipinos, especially Ateneans, are very intelligent people," he asserts. "They can make up their own minds. If we as educators do not deem our students and our people ready to make decisions and take positions on works of art themselves, then the onus lies with us."

Sister Melania's story

SENSE AND SENSIBILITY

Bambi L.Harper

ON A SHORT trip to Iloilo, my high school class paid a visit to the nuns of the Assumption. While we were enjoying the *pancit molo*, fresh *lumpiang ubod* redolent with garlic and the much-missed Assumption tart, one of the sisters, at the urgings of a classmate, Sony Ledesma, told us a marvelous story of Our Lady, Mediatrix of All Grace in Lipa. At a time like this when the country is buffeted by a moral and economic crisis, perhaps a gentle reminder will serve us all in good stead. Here is sister's story though I have taken the liberty of doing some minor editing on it:

"I was born in Candon, Ilocos Sur, on Dec. 31, 1941. My father was tall, with curly hair, a high nose and a fair complexion. He was an artist, a painter and a musician. He would play the violin for us his children every Saturday when we had no class. He composed a nice piece for my mother entitled 'Rosarito,' after my mother's name which was Rosario.

"My mother was a beauty. After her death, I learned from my relatives, both from her side and my father's, that her beauty and refinement of character were much spoken of by people in Ilocos Sur and in the hometown of my father in Macabebe, Pampanga, even when she had already become a housewife and a mother.

"My three brothers and two sisters who came before me resembled our parents in one way or another: the boys were good-looking and the girls were pretty. All the girls were sought after as the 'Maria Elena' during the Santacruzan in May and as beauty queens during the town fiesta or muses for various activities.

"I am the last of the six children. I was born with a deformed right foot, perhaps because my mother was fond of eating prawns when she was conceiving me. When the fresh prawn is cooked, it curves. The shape is exactly how my right foot looks—probably even worse because my foot is tightly curved like a tiny ball.

"From the time I was born, my father made appointments for consultation with doctors at home, in clinics and hospitals for possible surgery, corrective therapy or anything that would make me look normal and walk straight like the rest of his children. He traveled from Ilocos Sur to Pampanga and Manila for consultations. But to no avail. Doctors could not assure him of any treatment that would make me walk normally. They advised him to leave nature alone and not be bothered by it so much, otherwise I might become self-conscious of my deformity. Soon priests, nuns, doctors, relatives, friends and townmates of my parents advised them to accept that which God had allowed to happen and to have more faith in the power of trust and prayer.

"My uncle, Tata Mundong, now archbishop of the Archdiocese of Nueva Segovia, was then a young seminarian at the Central Seminary in the University of Santo Tomas. At that time in 1949, there was widespread news about the apparition of our Blessed Mother, Our Lady, Mediatrix of All Grace, to a young member of the Carmelite monastery in Lipa, Batangas, who was in the early years of her religious formation. My uncle and some seminarians went there on a pilgrimage.

"The main chapel of the sisters was being constructed and so they had an improvised chapel where the image of Our Lady was venerated by people from all over the country through continuous praying of the rosary, litany and novena, in groups and individual silent prayers.

"Before the image of our Blessed Mother were bottles of water. Tata Mundong noticed them and thought of my mother and of me. He asked one of the sisters for one of the bottles.

"On his first chance to visit Candon, he brought the bottle of water and gave it to my mother as he related his experience in the monastery. My mother believed that to obtain a big favor from God, through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, it was not enough to wet her finger with the water from Lipa and rub it on my foot. This had to be accompanied by prayers to our Blessed Mother. When I was sound asleep, she would stay awake at night touching my foot with the water and praying. She did this for nine days, hoping and praying that on the last day a miracle would happen.

"Whenever my parents bought new shoes, slippers or any footwear for my brothers and sisters, they would always buy one for me too, even if I could not use them. But the slippers stayed under my bed unused. My mother was attending the 6 a.m. Mass in our parish church in Candon one morning when I got up from bed, put on my slippers and went straight to the bathroom, passing through the dining room where my father and brother Larding were sipping cups of hot coffee while waiting for mother to complete the family before starting breakfast. My older brothers and sisters were then studying in Pampanga.

"As I was going to wash up, I noticed a surprised expression on the faces of father and my brother as they followed my movements. Without uttering a word, they observed all my movements, whispering to one another and talking in sign language. I did not feel insecure or suspect that they were talking about me." ***(To be continued)***

Things to do

I HAVE kept a journal since I was in high school, and by now I've used up more than a thousand notebook pages already. My journal is my immediate link to the past. Reading it makes me see how much I've grown as a person and how my priorities have changed through the years.

YOUNGBLOOD

Fitz Gerard Villafuerte

*We want to know what the young are thinking about. What are their thoughts on current issues? We welcome contributions from the twentysomething and below.—**Ed.***

Recently, I was browsing through the entries and looking for a poem I wrote some years back. I was planning to read that piece for a poetry reading session with some friends. As always, what I initially intended to be a quick look turned into several hours of nostalgic reading.

It must have been fate that made me turn to a list I had made way back when I was a college freshman. I still remember the moment: I was about to spend my first night at Kalayaan, the University of the Philippines' freshman dormitory. I was alone inside my room, enjoying it as the feeling of independence swept over me. That night, while drunk with the spirit of youthful idealism, I wrote down a long list of things to do. It was a special list of personal goals I set for myself in the next 10 years.

I began reading through the list and was immediately inundated with memories. This simple list of things to do opened a treasure chest long kept locked inside my head.

The list is quite long. The items vary from the easy and trivial to the difficult and important. Some tasks required immediate action while others needed careful planning. I took a pencil from my desk and began checking the list. And I couldn't resist putting comments after some of them.

Here are some of the journal entries with my comments:

- Decorate the dorm room with stuff that will remind me of home so I won't get homesick much. (The only decoration I remember ever putting up was a calendar I took from home.)
- Get to know my roommate well and specially find out if he is a kleptomaniac. (I never really got to know him for he was always out, but a klepto he wasn't. That much I know.)
- Find other places where I can eat if the dorm food is unpalatable. (We were but a five-minute walk from the Shopping Center so this was a piece of cake. Still, this knowledge did not spare me from becoming one of the victims when a case of food poisoning broke out during our time.)

Moving along, I found more difficult items that I haven't been able to do until now like:

- Live in my own condominium or apartment. (Well, at least I have my own room at home.)
- Have my own car. (Vehicle maintenance costs are too high. I'm glad Dad owns two cars, one of which I can borrow occasionally. Of course, I tend to sourgrape sometimes.)
- Go out of the country for a vacation. (I think I shouldn't have refused my aunt's offer to visit Hong Kong a few years back. Hmmm, I can't seem to remember why I declined back then. I think that was the year I had an invitation for a free vacation in Boracay. Oh well.)

Reading through the list made me remember a lot of special moments. It was distinctly rewarding to finally check at that instant, some items which I have accomplished:

- Keep to heart what the freshman kit says, "Don't let your academics hinder with your education." (My university life turned out to be very fruitful. I learned a lot indeed, both inside and outside the classroom.)
- Study and work hard until you get that engineering license. (I think I still have the pencil I used during the board exams. It is well preserved inside my shoebox of souvenirs.)
- Lose my virginity. (Hahaha! The story of this one is already a classic among my circle of friends.)

Reading some more, I noticed that things on my list that were the most difficult to accomplish were those that required much dedication and perseverance. Among them were:

- Get that washboard abs and muscle tone you've always wanted. (I've decided that this is impossible. I love eating much more than I love working out. Besides, even if I achieve this goal, I will still have to maintain it. I think I'll go instead for a healthy body.)
- Have enough money in my savings account before 30 to start my own business. (With the inflation rate and the kind of lifestyle I'm living, it's hard to build up capital. Although it is not totally impossible, it would require that I rethink my current financial strategies. Wow, that sounds very professional!)

And then there were these items which made me really smile:

- Never stop reading and learning. (I've managed to collect a cabinet full of books through all these years. Reading has made a lot of difference in my life.)
- Keep writing in your journal, you'll thank yourself for doing so. (Yes, I agree. It is very rewarding. After almost 10 years, I'm still writing.)
- Allow yourself to be vulnerable and learn how to love unconditionally. (Even back then, I was already a hopeless romantic.)

And of course, there was the sole item which was supposed to ensure immortality for me:

- Write and publish that best-selling novel inside your head. (Too bad, J.K. Rowling beat me to that wizard schoolboy story. Now I have run out of ideas. Nevertheless, I'm still hopeful that an excellent story idea will come soon.)

The schedule I kept back in college somehow made me forget this list. It was fortunate that I stumbled upon it just in time to arrest my impending quarter-life crisis. (That is a term coined by a friend to describe the feeling of emptiness which young urban professionals usually experience when they reach 25 years old.) Reading the list affirmatively brought about a catharsis. It made me see the triumphs I have enjoyed over the years and the many challenges I still have to conquer ahead.

I made a new list that night. I wrote down the items from my old list that I still haven't done, revised the others and added a few more. I hope to stumble upon this list in a few years' time. And once again, as it did that night, feel and be renewed with that lust for life that I first felt in that dormitory room almost 10 years ago.

Fitz Gerard Villafuerte recently turned 25 years old. His thoughts are now focused on putting a check mark on one of the items on his list, which is to conquer his fear of heights and go bungee jumping this summer.

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What viable alternatives to US troops are there?

CONRADO de Quiros' column last Feb. 4 taking issue with my letter of Jan. 31 makes some good points. He is right to point out that the American record in the Philippines is in many ways a poor one and to note the US government's refusal to clean up the toxic waste sites at Clark and Subic or to pay compensation for victims of these wastes. I think anyone would agree that if American troops are to support the Philippines' counterinsurgency efforts, their role must be very clearly circumscribed, based on the national interests of the Philippines, rather than the geopolitical interests of the Americans.

However, that column does leave open a number of rather large questions, notably this one: If American military support is not the answer, what is? De Quiros' solution is "The AFP is useless? Then abolish the AFP. Better still, refuse to pay taxes until the government does its job. For foreign governments, stop giving aid to the Philippines until it rescues their nationals."

Are these really serious suggestions? Does De Quiros think that any administration (in this country or elsewhere) would abolish the armed forces, particularly when faced with a collapse of law and order such as that experienced by the Philippines in the last two years? And if he is not serious, then De Quiros has to admit that he has no viable alternative to the current policy that has left scores of dead Filipinos on both sides. A policy that has, as he points out, spawned numerous other kidnapping gangs. A policy that has, by almost any standards, failed.

I may be ignorant, as De Quiros says. And, as a nationalist, he clearly feels that foreigners like me have no right to comment, although I feel as much threatened by the deteriorating security situation as he is. No doubt it would be preferable if the Armed Forces of the Philippines could solve this problem. However, as we approach the ninth month of the Dos Palmas kidnapping, it does not surprise me that the government is looking for an alternative to the disastrous policies that have been pursued so far.

Where De Quiros and I may agree, however, is that in the longer term there will never be a purely military "solution" to the insurgency in Mindanao. The key to a secure long-term future for Mindanao, and in particular for Basilan and Jolo, two of the poorest provinces in the country, is economic development. Following the peace treaty with the Moro National Liberation Front in September 1996, this was attempted by the Ramos administration but it foundered on bureaucratic inertia and the change of administration in 1998. The problem now is that, until some sort of short-term military solution is worked out, much needed economic development projects and economic investment will simply not take place. If American support offers the best hope of achieving this, then I'm for it.—**JOHN GIBSON, 2030 A. Mabini St., Manila**

Be clear about our American friends

WAR is bad for humans and worse for the defenseless creatures of forests, lakes and sky. War is bad for farmers, bad for snakes, monitor lizards and frogs. As if it wasn't bad enough that these "visitors," supposedly our "friends," come to our country bearing arms and other deadly weapons, bringing unrest to Filipinos already beset with socio-economic and political problems, these "visitors" add insult to injury by picking on the poor children of Mother Nature who contribute nothing to this war being waged by humans.

We read the papers and learn about what the Americans have been up to all around our country—from the ground and air drills, to walking into banks carrying heavy guns. It seems that they're exempt from the no-firearms rule that mere locals are subject to, so who will protect us from them? More importantly, who will protect the Philippine wildlife and Inang Kalikasan from these people who commit acts of violence not only against humans but the environment as well?

It is interesting to note that these American soldiers are supposedly here for mutual protection, but where exactly does the threat come from in the first place? By allying ourselves so strongly and seemingly irrevocably with a nation that has made so many enemies for so many reasons, don't we actually endanger ourselves more? And our "friends" are not always in the right anyway. They have had a hand in many injustices perpetrated against many peoples throughout history. True friendship doesn't demand being blind to another's faults. In fact, as true friends, we have the responsibility to let them know when they are wrong.

We have indeed learned a lot from our American friends, some good, some not. We owe much of our education to the West, we owe much of our vices to them too. They taught us science and progress and the Internet. They taught us commercialism and colonialism and amorality. Some of them even strive to teach us about the importance of caring for the environment, while others teach us different ways to efficiently exploit our resources and poison nature.

So where does this lead us? They teach us both good and bad. They teach us of progress, they teach us of war. But only we can decide what we will let our children learn from them and from us. Do we teach them to love Americans, Hershey's and NBA and GI Joe? Or do we let them know the real score—that we Filipinos have a lot to be proud of, that we have been gifted with natural resources and talents, that we should take care of ourselves and our land so that we won't be taken advantage of and exploited by people who call themselves our friends?

On Valentine's Day, do you go out on a date with a friend whose country is capable of stealing another country's wealth and ravaging its people? Beware of the "American's *adobo*," lest you become part of this unsavory dish yourself!—**FR. ROBERTO P. REYES, UP Diliman, Quezon City**

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER LETTERS

Why not revive 'Project Mercury'?

THIS is about the inefficiency of our postal services. Last Dec. 7, 2001 we sent a collection item to RCBC-Kabasalan branch in Zamboanga del Sur through JRS Courier Services. On Dec. 18, 2001 RCBC responded, as shown on the date of its demand draft, and sent by registered mail through the post office. We were surprised that the letter was delivered to our office only on Jan. 18, 2002.

I have traced the flow of the mail:

Dec. 21, 2001—mailed in Kabasalan, Zamboanga del Sur.

Dec. 27, 2001—received by the Mail Distribution Center in Zamboanga City.

Jan. 4, 2002—received by the Mail Distribution Center, Registry Section in Davao City.

Jan. 8, 2002—received by the MEDS in Davao City.

Jan. 9, 2002—received by the Mail Window Delivery Section in Davao City.

Jan. 18, 2002—finally delivered to Allied Bank.

This is one agency of the government that needs attention. Many years ago, Roilo Golez launched "Project Mercury" and our letters were delivered in the shortest time possible. I wonder what happened to this program?—**ERLINDA R. SANTOS, branch manager, Allied Bank, Davao City**

First free newspaper

CONGRATULATIONS on your Libre's winning the Gold Quill Award from the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC).

However, a portion of the news report caught my attention. It said that Inquirer Libre is the country's first free newspaper.

If it was the reporter who erroneously made this claim, he must be told to check his facts. If being the "first free newspaper" was a criterion for winning the award, the IABC must have been misinformed.

If Inquirer Libre claims to be the "country's first free newspaper," its management should have the humility to correct this wrong information. Kabayan's Metro News is in fact the country's first free newspaper and it has been in the MRT newsstands since 2000.

As a newspaper, it is Inquirer Libre's business to know this and report it correctly.—**TESS B. GLINOGA, Unit 711 Cityland Condominium 9, Dela Rosa St., Makati City**

YOU are right. Inquirer Libre is not the first free newspaper in the country, but we did not intend to mislead the public. The article should have included the fact that Inquirer Libre is the first free real newspaper to be distributed regularly on a daily basis, that is, Monday to Friday, except on national holidays like Christmas and New Year. Our apologies for this oversight. We'd like to add, too, that your information about Kabayan's Metro News as the first free newspaper is also wrong. Village Voice holds that distinction. You can check it.—***Ed.***

Undue interest in House resolution

MAYOR Kate H. Gordon finally surfaced but still denied involvement of the Gordons in the resolution filed by Rep. Loretta Rosales. ("Why bring in the Gordons?" PDI, 2/7/02)

Everyone in Congress knows it was Rep. James Gordon Jr. who was keenly interested in Rosales' resolution. Even the INQUIRER's Central Luzon correspondent, Tonette Orejas, let the cat out of the bag when she reported that it was an assistant of Mayor Kate Gordon who faxed her a copy of the resolution. Read also the vitriolic reaction of Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon when asked to explain the P850 million in disallowed expenditures during his term at the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority to know that they are behind the campaign against SBMA Chair Felicito Payumo.

Yes, Gordon has his hands full at the Department of Tourism and yet he bothers with an accident, the Bloom gas station at Subic, etc. What has he done for tourism other than cry every time a foreigner is kidnapped?

By the way, the vehicle that was the subject of Rosales' resolution has been repaired at Payumo's expense. It was presented to the Commission on Audit last week. Now, when will Gordon return the disallowed expenditures?—**REYNALDO M. GARCIA, department manager, Media Relations Office, Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority, Bldg. 255, Barryman Road, Subic Bay Freeport Zone**

Tax liabilities not retroactive

THE CITY government of Parañaque was supposed to auction the Ninoy Aquino International Airport last Feb. 8, 2002. That city was forced to take this move in view of the failure of the Naia to settle its real property tax delinquency in the amount of P650 million dating back to 1962. The mayor's assistant for legal affairs expressed the view that there was no legal impediment to the holding of the auction. He could be wrong.

The law that the City of Parañaque may have invoked in the collection proceedings is Republic Act 7160, the Local Government Code of 1991, which took effect in 1992. Under the principle of non-retroactivity, the "long arm of the law," which in this case is RA 7160, cannot properly be extended to reach back to 1991 and prior years. Thus, the Naia may be relieved of paying its tax delinquency for these years, a span of three decades.

The total value of the Naia property, land and improvements, including the "nine other pieces of property," may run into billions of pesos. To get them all to pay for a tax liability of P650 million is definitely contrary to law. Section 260 of RA 7160 provides that the property that may be the subject of the sale or auction should only be "a usable portion thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the tax delinquency and expenses of sale."

Should the legality of the auction be questioned before the courts, it is certain that the whole proceedings will be nullified.—**LEOPOLDO P. PARRENO, Parreno Realty Appraisal & Tax Consultancy, Maglalang Bldg., J.P. Rizal and Legaspi Streets, Davao City**

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COMMENTARY

Bill P. Formoso

WHEN I read that President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo was seriously considering hiring former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani as a consultant on our domestic law and order problems, I just had to laugh. Not a funny har har, but a ridiculous har har—a pathetic har har even.

For what could Giuliani teach us that we don't already know? Giuliani was successful in taming wild and woolly New York simply because he had the will to do the job. He enforced the law on everyone, criminals and corrupt cops alike.

The same goes for the US military now in Mindanao. Watch them annihilate the Abu Sayyaf and anyone who gets in their way in a matter of weeks. You can bet they will be successful because they have the will to do what needs doing.

Lack of equipment on the part of the Philippine military is a lame excuse. If our military were really good they would have made the most with what they have and not blame their pathetic and embarrassing performance on a lack of equipment. After all, doesn't ingenuity count for something—if you were really good?

Much is made of the jungle training of our troops. No amount of braggadocio on the part of our soldiers averring on TV that while the Americans might have the superior weaponry, they don't have the jungle warfare training, will alter the fact that our guys might just be in for a big surprise. US troops train all the time, in the mountains and forests of Utah, Oklahoma, Texas, Montana, the Dakotas, Nevada, California, Hawaii—you get the picture. And most of the troops now here just came from Afghanistan and are veterans of the Persian Gulf War. The American boys surely do not lack for training.

No, what they are here for, whether we like it or not, is to rescue their countrymen, the hapless Burnhams, wipe out the Abu Sayyaf and any other group that might foolishly get in the way. Notice how suddenly silent the communists and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front and Moro National Liberation Front have become. That's because they know the Americans mean business and are not to be trifled with.

So now what we have is the international embarrassment of having to have foreigners come and do our dirty work for us.

It should not take a Giuliani or the US military to do the job we Filipinos should be doing ourselves, but we let things come to this pass.

Our do-nothing but meddlesome Congress, wimpy Cabinet and other government officials—yes all the way to the top—and incompetent military and police officials, all coupled with the corruption that pervades our entire system, have served to do us in.

Responsibility for our shameful state goes to every Filipino who ever took a bribe or gave one, who ever committed a crime for which he went unpunished or who turned a blind eye to the crime, who just didn't care for the national good but thought only of himself. I guess that describes most of us, yours truly included.

So what do we need Giuliani and the American troops for? At the end of all this, when the last US soldier shall have gone home, before the world we are going to look like the schoolboy who had to call on his parents because his classmates were picking on him and he did not know how to fight back.

We are going to be hanging our heads in shame before the community of nations.

And Giuliani? After recovering from the shock of getting that incredible offer from us, he is probably going to wonder at the fiber of the Filipino who cannot do for himself what must be done. In the same way that the American soldiers now here have begun snickering at the Philippine military that let a handful of third-rate terrorists get the better of them for two years now—the same military whose officers they refuse to take orders from.

As for the President and her minions, it's best that they shut up already and just let the Americans do what they came here to do and quickly. Do we really have a choice in the matter?

Oh, for shame.

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The WORLD

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Haj pilgrims kill Afghan minister

KABUL—The Afghan interim minister for air transport and tourism was beaten to death by frustrated Haj pilgrims who dragged him off a plane at Kabul airport, witnesses and an official said on Friday.

Abdul Rahman was pulled off Ariana Airlines' only aircraft, which he had commissioned to take him to New Delhi on Thursday. Haj pilgrims said he was thrown down the aircraft steps and beaten to death on the tarmac.

Saudi officials have said pilgrims coming from abroad must arrive by Sunday to be able to perform the Haj, which Islamic scriptures urge every-able bodied adult Muslim who can afford it to do.

"Four people went inside the plane and dragged him out and killed him on the spot," said a pilgrim named Mirza.

Foreign ministry spokesperson Omar Samad said the interim government had met late on Thursday to discuss the killing.

"The Cabinet held a meeting about this late last night and described it as a criminal tragedy," Samad said.

An official at the air transport ministry confirmed the killing, but declined to give details.

"Unfortunately (the minister) is no longer with us," the official said.

Visiting British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw offered his cond lences when he met his counter part, Abdullah Abdullah, at th foreign ministry in Kabul.

"I am very sorry to hear abo the death of the minister in suc terrible circumstances," Stra told Abdullah. *Reuter*

Musharraf says US reporter still alive

KARACHI, Pakistan—Pakistan's president said he believes Daniel Pearl is "possibly alive," despite chilling court testimony from his self-confessed kidnapper who said that to his knowledge, the Wall Street Journal reporter is dead.

"I think he is possibly alive," President Pervez Musharraf said on a visit to Washington. He explained that Pakistan officials would likely have found Pearl's body if he were dead because of the pressure being put on his kidnappers.

"We have gotten as near as possible to these culprits," Musharraf said Thursday. "We are putting all kinds of pressure to get him released."

Earlier, chief suspect Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh appeared in court here for the first time, his hands bound in thick steel chains and surrounded by police gripping automatic rifles.

Just a day earlier, police said the British-born Islamic militant with a history of kidnapping Westerners had told them Pearl was alive.

But in court Thursday, a grim-faced and weary-looking Saeed said: "As far as I understand, he's dead."

He gave no details on where or when 38-year-old Pearl was allegedly killed. But he confessed to the kidnapping.

"I don't want to defend this case. I did this," Saeed said in a soft voice, barely a whisper at times. "Right or wrong I had my reasons. I think that our country shouldn't be catering to America's needs."

Saeed's unexpected statement came a day after Musharraf met US President George W. Bush to receive kudos for Pakistan's support in the war against terror. Musharraf abandoned his longtime Taliban allies after the Sept. 11 attacks and has moved to crack down on Muslim extremists who had long been tolerated and even supported by previous governments here.

After meeting Thursday with US lawmakers, Musharraf said his government does not believe Saeed's claims about Pearl's death because the suspect's been "saying something one day and another thing on the other day." *AP*

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Bush leaning toward military option vs Iraq

By Alistair Lyon

LONDON—US policymakers have agonized since the 1991 Gulf War over whether to remove Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein or box him in with UN sanctions, weapons inspectors, no-fly zones and diplomatic isolation.

Signals from Washington are still mixed, but as he ratchets up the rhetoric, US President George W. Bush now seems to have fixed his sights on toppling the man his father left in power after US-led forces drove Iraqi occupation troops from Kuwait.

The heightened bellicosity from Washington since the Sept. 11 attacks and the anti-terror campaign in Afghanistan has convinced many analysts that a full-scale effort to destroy the Iraqi strongman is a matter of how and when, not if.

"There is a new environment since Sept. 11," said Mustafa Alani, a London-based Iraqi analyst. "US policy in the Middle East is much more aggressive and adventurous and has the domestic support of public opinion and Congress."

As a result, he argued, the objective of changing the Iraqi government, first adopted by former President Bill Clinton's administration in 1997, had become acceptable. "I believe the Americans are now serious and there is no turning back."

Bush, who last month designated Iraq part of an "axis of evil", with Iran and North Korea, said on Wednesday he was keeping all options open, but secret for the moment.

"Saddam Hussein needs to understand that I'm serious about defending our country," he declared, citing the risk that nations seeking weapons of mass destruction could team up with terrorists to threaten the United States.

Shahram Chubin, executive director of the Geneva Center for Security Policy, said he was puzzled that Bush had conflated the threat of global terrorism with that posed by hostile states.

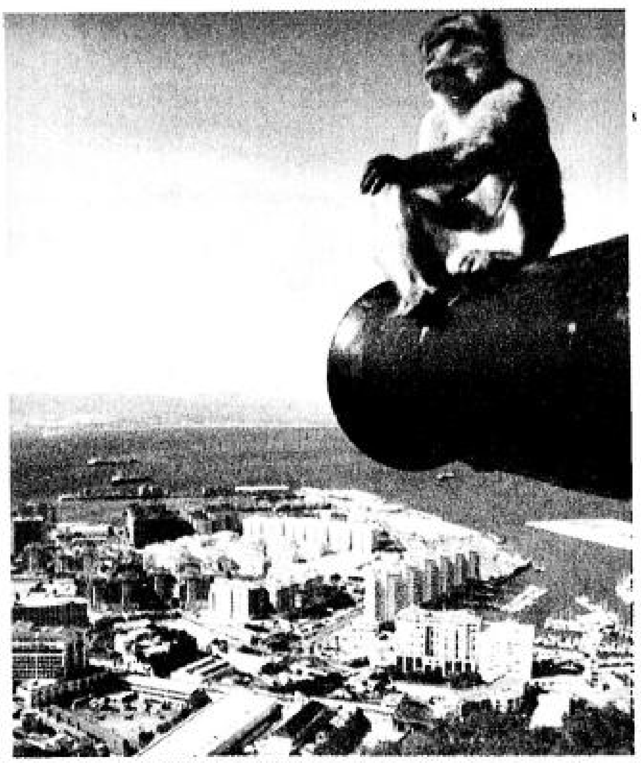
"You don't have to deter Iran or Iraq from attacking the United States: they are already deterred," he said. "And after Sept. 11, the idea that you can deter terrorists who are transnational and not sponsored by any state is dubious."

He said Washington seemed to be moving toward war with Iraq, but predicted it would exhaust diplomatic options first.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, seen as the main restraint on Washington hawks, said in an interview published by London's Financial Times daily on Wednesday he hoped the UN Security Council would agree on "smart" sanctions by the end of May.

Revised sanctions, now being discussed by the United States and Russia, would offer Iraq the prospect that the 11-year-old embargo could be eased if UN inspectors were allowed back.

Iraq has barred the inspectors, charged with scrapping its chemical, nuclear and biological arms programs, since US and British warplanes bombed Baghdad in December 1998. Iraq denies it has any weapons of mass destruction. *Reuters*



LORD OF GIBRALTAR REUTERS

A Gibraltar monkey sits on a cannon on the top of the Rock of Gibraltar overlooking the colony early February. Legend says that as long as the Barbary macaques remain on the Rock of Gibraltar, the disputed colony on the southern coast of Spain will remain British. The monkeys are so good at breeding that scientists are considering contraceptive implants for selected females.

Ambush kills 3 Israelis

JERUSALEM—Palestinian militants killed three Israelis in a gun and roadside bomb attack on a convoy on its way to a Jewish settlement in the Gaza Strip on Thursday, Israeli military sources said.

The night-time ambush took place after German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer and British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw held talks with Israeli and Palestinian officials in a fresh European drive to end nearly 17 months of bloodshed.

Both stuck close to the position of the United States, the biggest external player in the Middle East, during separate peace missions that came just days after a European Union meeting diverged from the US emphasis that Palestinian violence must end before serious peace talks can resume.

But an end to the violence looked far off as a coalition of Palestinian militant groups, calling itself the Salahudin Brigade, claimed responsibility for the Gaza ambush, saying it was to avenge an army raid the day before in which five Palestinian policemen were killed.

Israeli military sources said a civilian bus and other vehicles with a military escort came under attack on the road from Netzarim settlement to the Karni crossing connecting the Gaza Strip and Israel. Two Israelis were injured.

A tank which went to the scene then rolled over "a very sophisticated anti-armor device," one source said. Another source said it had a 200-kg explosive charge. *Reuters*

Enron VP exposes culture of accounting laxity, intimidation

WASHINGTON—Enron vice president and whistleblower Sherron Watkins on Thursday revealed to Congress a culture of corporate accounting laxity and intimidation in the company that was aimed at keeping its stock price inflated.

But Watkins, who as early as August had alerted then Enron chair Kenneth Lay that the energy trading giant was in deep trouble due to questionable financial transactions, exonerated the company head.

Instead she squarely put the blame on Enron's former chief financial officer Andrew Fastow and Enron chief executive Jeffrey Skilling, and a corporate veil of silence that allowed the transactions to flourish.

"It was like an off-limits subject," Watkins told a House panel, dismissing the suggestion that top-level executives did not know about the financial partnerships that ultimately drove Enron into bankruptcy.

Watkins, who began working for Fastow in June 2001 and was charged with reviewing sales of assets, said it only took her three to four weeks to realize that the numbers did not add up regarding assets hedged with an entity known as Raptor.

"I think they were very easy to discover," she said at the House energy and commerce subcommittee hearing. "The facts were not really hidden."

"It appeared that Raptor transactions had been going on for a number of years and Mr. Skilling had known about them for years," she added. The Raptor special purpose entities were owned by LJM, a partnership run by Fastow who made millions out the deals.

Fastow, called in earlier to speak before Congress on his role in Enron's spectacular collapse that left thousands unemployed and wiped out the life savings of thousands more, has invoked his constitutional right not to testify before the House. *AFP*

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CLONED PUSSY

The world's first-ever cloned cat, called "CC," is seen at seven weeks old in this Dec. 22, 2001 file photo. The kitten is the first successful product of a program aimed at letting people clone their beloved pets at Texas A&M University in College Station. "CC" joins a growing list of animals that have been cloned from adult cells, starting with Dolly the sheep and now including pigs, goats, cattle, mice and an ox-like creature called a gaur.

REUTERS

NEW STRIKES FEARED

US tightens nuke security

WASHINGTON—The Bush administration on Thursday ordered all 103 US nuclear power plants to tighten anti-terrorism measures as one report said investigators were convinced a new al-Qaida chief of operations was planning a fresh attack on the United States.

The New York Times said Abu Zubaydah, a 30-year-old Palestinian, had become al-Qaida's new chief of operations replacing Mohammed Atef, who was believed to have been killed in a US bombing raid in Afghanistan.

Zubaydah has been linked directly to planning the Sept. 11 strikes, which killed more than 3,000 people, and tied to plans for a wave of attacks in Europe that were to occur last year, including plots to blow up the American embassies in Paris and Sarajevo, the Times said, citing US officials. They were apparently thwarted by the authorities.

American investigators said they were convinced Zubaydah, one of the few al-Qaida leaders to know the identities of those who passed through camps in Afghanistan, was now trying to activate sleeper cells for new strikes on the United States and its allies, the Times reported.

American intelligence agencies believe he was at Osama bin Laden's side in Afghanistan in the first weeks after Sept. 11, and Bush administration officials say there is fragmentary evidence that he escaped to Pakistan, the Times reported.

With the FBI warning of more possible attacks, the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission ordered tighter security including more rigorous employee screening and guard training and stopping of cars and trucks on approach roads to plants.

"The commission has decided to issue orders to require prudent interim compensatory measures because the generalized high-level-threat environment has persisted longer than expected," the NRC said in a statement.

The Federal Aviation Administration has already banned flights within 19 km of most US nuclear plants.

Police in the US capital said they planned to create a network of public surveillance cameras in Washington to help fight terrorism, sparking outrage among privacy advocates. ***Reuters***

US Congress probes 9/11 intel failures

WASHINGTON—The US Congress on Thursday launched a probe into intelligence failures that led to the Sept. 11 terror attacks as allied troops in Afghanistan remained on high alert after an attack on the coalition's Kandahar base.

The House and Senate intelligence committees will appoint former CIA inspector general Britt Snider to oversee the probe of the intelligence services' activities before and after Sept. 11.

The investigation seeks to determine why the intelligence community was unable to identify what might be done to have prevented future terrorist attacks, or what US intelligence agencies could have done to learn of the attacks in advance, the committees' leaders said in a joint statement.

The lawmakers said Vice President Dick Cheney had assured them the Bush administration would "cooperate" with the inquiry, which could cost as much as $2.6 million.

But earlier Thursday, US Secretary of State Colin Powell lamented that action had not been taken earlier against the Taliban, saying the world had been too slow to recognize the true nature of Afghanistan's former rulers. ***AFP***

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Phivolcs says methane, not restive Pinatubo, acting up in village

CLARK SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE—The balls of fire and the underground rumblings in Sitio Nagsasa in Barangay Pundaquit in San Antonio town in Zambales are definitely not signs of another impending eruption of Mt. Pinatubo.

These are, in fact, proofs of the presence of methane gas in the village of Aetas, who observed these unusual activities, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology said on Friday.

Phivolcs chief Dr. Raymundo Punongbayan said based on the descriptions of a team sent on Thursday to check on the Aetas' observations, the most viable explanation for the phenomena was that they were being caused by methane gas.

The defunct Commission on Volcanology has had a natural gas exploration project in Pundaquit in the 1980s, Punongbayan told the INQUIRER by phone.

Jaime Sincioco, resident Pinatubo volcanologist, recalled that somebody also reported the same phenomena in 1991 or months before the June 1991 eruptions of the volcano.

What seemed to be "balls of fire" came from rock mantles that formed the Nagsasa Valley, he said.

Methane gas, according to him, is formed by old decaying materials like wood trapped by soil formations. In time, the gas ignites if dust accumulates around it, he said.

Aetas have not been aware of the presence of methane gas in Nagsasa because, despite the exploration project, the Phivolcs has not done an information campaign on this, Sincioco said.

Punongbayan was not at all disturbed or irked by the speculations. "We must all keep on observing," he said.

In the Nagsasa case, however, Punongbayan said there was "no cause for alarm."

Nagsasa, according to him, is not within the volcanic field of Mt. Pinatubo, some 40 km away.

The village sits on a non-volcanic area, Sincioco said.

What about the snake migration observed by the Aetas in Kamias, Porac, Pampanga?

Punongbayan said the movements of other animals on Mt. Pinatubo are being monitored. The descent of the snakes, even in unusually large numbers, was not enough basis to say that a strong earthquake or an eruption was imminent, he said.

Other animals, he noted, are also sensitive to nature's way.

Mt. Pinatubo calmed down in 1994 or three years after it let out a series of catastrophic eruptions that began on June 12, 1991.

After killing more than 1,000 people and displacing 1.3 million residents in Pampanga, Tarlac and Zambales, the volcano's lahar flows in the succeeding years have changed the topography of Central Luzon.

Rivers became gray expanses. Communities turned into ghost towns and mountains became hills of sand, ash and pumice stones.

Like nature, the environment around Mt. Pinatubo has started healing and its residents, mainly the Negrito tribe of Aetas, continue to be sensitive to the changes within the ancestral abode.

Aida Ishikawa, executive director of the Central Luzon Center for Emergency Aid and Rehabilitation, on Friday praised the Aetas for continuing to be watchful of nature's way.

"It is one trait that we in the lowlands have not developed much. Such trait helps us prepare for disasters," Ishikawa said. ***Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk***

Hope gushes from Tarlac gas exploration project

By Ronaldo Dizon and Russell Arador
PDI Central Luzon Desk

VICTORIA, Tarlac—Hope is written all over the face of a 45-year-old mother here after learning that the gas exploration project in Barangay Masalasa could last for 25 years.

Nelly Cacayuran, a mother of eight, said the Victoria gas drilling project (VGDP) could finally improve living conditions in the town.

"If the project pushes through, it could provide work for my two sons," Cacayuran said, adding that the income her family derives from farming was not enough to support them.

"We have to pay a lot of debts after typhoons destroyed our crops," she said.

Cacayuran's hope is shared by 1,396 residents of this small farming community.

Cristina Balitcha, 61, wife of a barangay councilor and a mother of five, said they are hoping that the government project could bring in work even for women like her.

"When the Americans were here, we were being paid for washing their clothes," Balitcha said.

American team

In 1986, residents said, a team of Americans conducted a seismic survey of the area. Not long after, the Philippine National Oil Co. took over and drilled for oil.

But the residents have aired their concerns on the natural gas find.

"Our crops might be destroyed by the gas," said a farmer.

PNOC-Energy Development Corp. officials said the gas should never be a cause of concern because it is "odorless, colorless and tasteless. It does not mix with water."

The water table used by the residents for drinking and irrigating their farmlands is located 1,000 feet from the ground surface while the gas that is being pumped is located almost 6,000 feet below, PNOC-EDC officials said.

Balitcha also aired her concern over the selection of employees to work in the gas field, saying residents should be given priority in hiring.

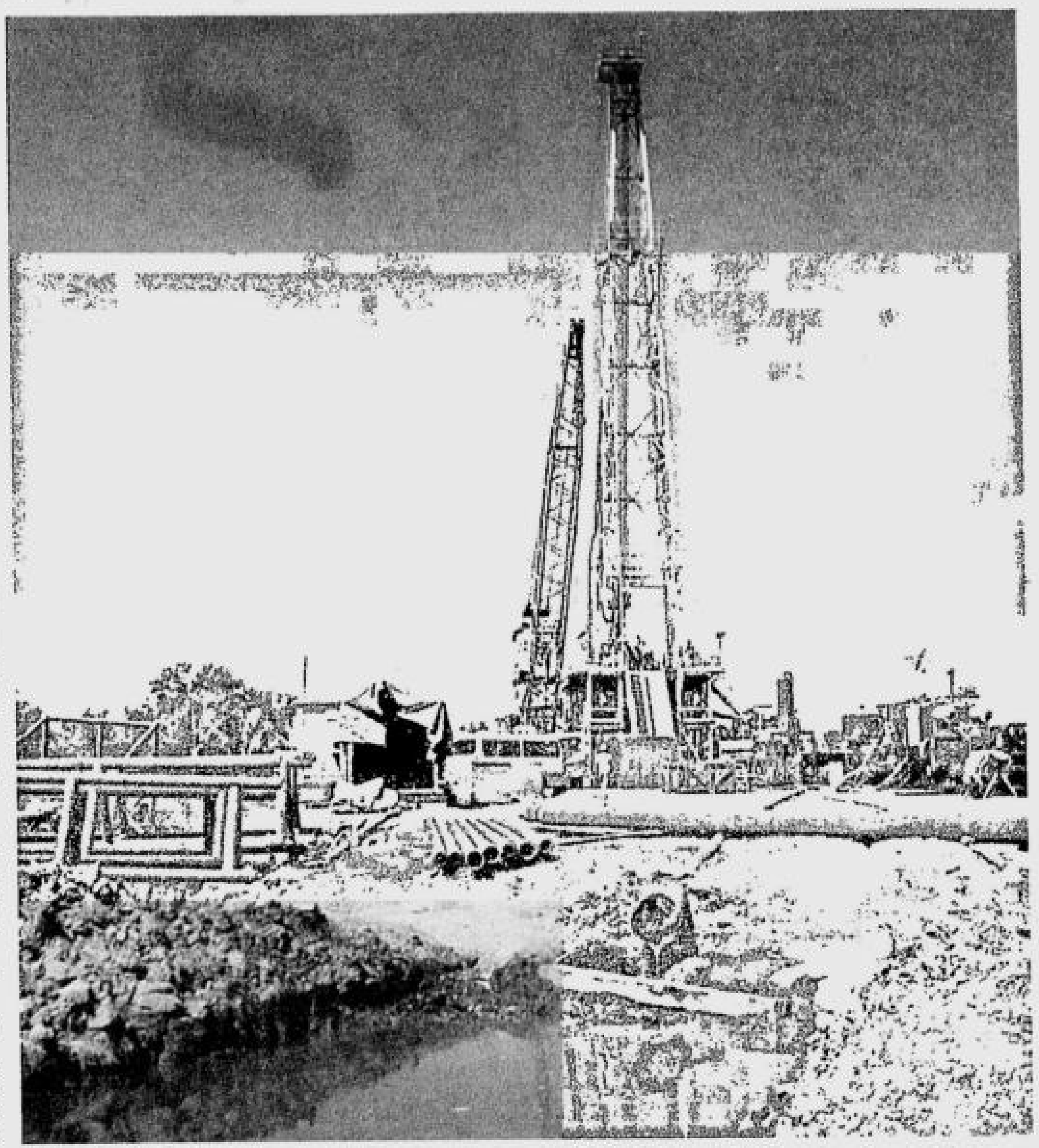
Engineer Michael Antalan, head of the municipal planning and development office, downplayed this concern and said the residents would be given jobs once the Victoria-3 well becomes commercially operational.

"Mayor Emmanuel Guiam will see to it that they (residents) will be prioritized," Antalan said.

Employment

The VGDP currently employs 20 residents of Masalasa for utility and carpentry work. A fully operational commercial gas plant will employ at least 500 residents, local officials said.

Barangay Masalasa was a huge plantation owned by Lope and Maria Mateo in the early 1900s. It has since been subdivided and distributed to farmers.



ON THE HORIZON looms the Victoria drilling well in Tarlac, providing hope to jobless residents.
RONALDO DIZON

Gina Esguerra, 26, said they have been hearing about the presence of minerals in their village since she was a child.

"The area used to be our playground," said Esguerra, now a mother of two.

According to PNOC-EDC officials, the current well is the third to be erected in the area after the previous two failed to detect gas.

Several years ago, the PNOC started drilling in the area looking for oil. The project stopped after the PNOC failed to find oil.

Antalan said they are "optimistic that the gas find will at least be sufficient to supply the town with power."

"There were already indications then but they somewhat failed to realize this," said Zosimo Sarmiento, manager of the reservoir and resource management department of the PNOC-EDC.

More gas deposit

Barangay Masalasa, which lies 5 km from the town proper, is host to a potentially rich natural gas deposit in Central Luzon.

Sarmiento said their estimates showed that the VGDP holds between seven and 300-billion cubic feet of natural gas.

"If that's the case, then we will be looking at a possible 300 megawatts of power which it could generate," Sarmiento said.

A megawatt can supply power to 20,000 households.

"We are hopeful that this will be a major gas reserve. We will be chipping away at our oil imports if only we can tap other gas reserves in the country," Sarmiento told the INQUIRER.

The gas reservoir has an area of 24 square kilometers.

The VGDP was flared last Friday and showed signs of a rich gas deposit. The flaring gas, through the flare line running from the well, however, has yet to be analyzed.

"Samples of the water and gas were taken to Manila for analysis," said engineer Francis Mendita, officer in charge of the project.

The PNOC-EDC and Schlumberger, an oil-drilling multinational company, closed the flare pipe on Wednesday to begin installing pressure-logging tools to determine the amount of gas deposit in the area.

Flare

"We are shutting down the well completely so we can conduct more tests and proceed to the next phase of the project," said Mendita.

The latest mineral exploration started in 2000 but was discontinued when the impeachment trial of then President Joseph Estrada began.

On Dec. 2, 2001, the PNOC's board of directors decided to resume the project. The new thrust was to look for natural gas instead of oil.

"The previous oil exploration done in the area overlooked the presence of natural gas," Mendita said.

Maj. Gen. Rodolfo Garcia, commanding general of the Philippine Army's Northern Luzon Command, sent a team from the 69th Infantry Battalion to secure the project site.

The VGDP has an initial $4.8 million budget and will need investors once it is determined to be commercially viable.

Con artist in 'text' scam arrested by NBI

DAVAO CITY—Agents of the National Bureau of Investigation here arrested a woman, believed to be a syndicate member, who duped a number of people into believing that they won a P1-million jai alai promotion courtesy of former President Joseph Estrada and his Senator-wife Loi Estrada.

Leoncio Evangelista, NBI director for Southern Mindanao, identified the suspect as Dorothy Estacio, a resident of Agdao District here.

Evangelista said charges were already filed against Estacio and her cohorts in the text scam.

Evangelista said the text syndicate victimized a number of individuals all over the country, but only two of the victims, both from Cebu, decided to press charges.

He said the group's *modus operandi* starts by sending text messages informing a cell phone user that he or she won P1 million. The numbers are randomly picked.

"The text sender would introduce himself as a Pagcor assistant secretary, and then advise the victims to deposit P10,000 as processing fee to a bank account," Evangelista said.

Maurice Kwan, branch manager of the Sta Ana Branch of the Bank of the Philippine Islands here, sought police assistance after receiving phone calls and e-mail messages from two BPI branch managers in Cebu on the alleged use of a BPI client account in the scam.

The report involved cash deposited by Cebu residents Helen Linao, a resident of Lapu-Lapu City, and Elena Bitaga of Mandaue City in two BPI branches in Cebu reportedly based on the instruction of the syndicate.***Anthony Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

Gov't stops broadcast of 12 stations

CAUAYAN CITY—The National Telecommunications Commission has ordered the suspension of operations of 12 radio stations of Newsounds Broadcasting Network Inc. (NBNI).

In a two-page order issued on Wednesday, NTC Commissioner Eliseo Rio Jr. and Deputy Commissioners Kathleen Heceta and Armi Jane Borje said the NBNI "has been operating FM and AM radio broadcast stations . . . without any congressional franchise nor valid and subsisting permits from this commission."

The 12 NBN radio stations are dxFC-FM in Marbel, South Cotabato; dyTX-FM in Tacloban City; dxIF-AM in Cagayan de Oro City; dyWR-AM in Tacloban City; dyCX-AM in San Jose, Antique; dzNG-AM in Naga City; dzVX-AM in Daet, Camarines Norte; dzSO-AM in San Fernando City, La Union; dzVR-AM in Ilocos Norte; dzNC-AM in Cauayan City, Isabela; dxIV-FM in Iligan City, and dwIC-FM in Tuguegarao City.

The NTC commissioners also directed the network to "show cause in writing within 10 days from receipt (of the order) why the operation of radio stations should not be stopped and their respective assigned frequencies recalled."

The commissioners have set the hearing on March 12 at the NTC office in Quezon City. ***Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

Tangub City folk reject mosque, Islamic center in referendum

OZAMIZ CITY—Residents of predominantly Christian-populated Tangub City voted overwhelmingly to deny two requests by the local Muslim community to establish an Islamic center and construct a mosque in it, during balloting held last week.

Tangub City Vice Mayor Edemar Alota said the balloting results would be used as a basis of a city council resolution "denying such a request" by the Jama'ah Muslim Association, which will become the policy response of the local government.

He, however, failed to mention whether this stands true for similar requests in the future, or if this is good only for the group's requests.

The balloting capped a week-long public consultation done by the local government to resolve the two issues.

During the balloting, residents were asked two questions answerable by either a yes or a no. One pertains to the establishment of an Islamic center, the other on the construction of a mosque.

Overall, more than 80 percent of the voting population turned out to cast their votes with six barangays registering a 100 percent turnout. Of the 50,486 residents who made their opinion heard, 50,111 voted to deny both requests, while a measly 375 agreed to both.

The favorable votes were garnered in barangays where there are Muslim residents in the neighborhood. Mostly traders, the Muslim community in Tangub City, which is 20 kilometers from here, consisted of some 10 families comprising about 50 individuals.

Abdullah Campong, president of Jama'ah Muslim Association, told the local daily The Freeman Mindanao they would renegotiate with the local government and "claim our right to practice our religion freely."

He earlier expressed dismay over the conduct of a public consultation to tackle the twin requests, which amount to a mere building permit application.

But Alota said the result of the balloting "is final," confirming his earlier hints of this becoming the official response of the local government.

"This is what the people want," Alota said.

The public consultation-cum-referendum was undertaken by the Tangub City local government in order to feel the pulse of the local populace, most of whom still harbor a negative perception of Muslims.

Tangub City Mayor Jennifer Wee-Tan said her government was willing to accommodate the group but with consideration. She refused to elaborate.

In October 2000, Lanao del Sur Gov. Mamintal Adiong Sr. wrote a letter to Tangub City Mayor Tan asking the assistance of the local government for the construction of a mosque in the city.

In his letter, Adiong vouched for the character of Campong and his group, assuring her that they will be "responding to the call of total peace and development" of the city whom these trader-families consider their second home. ***Ryan Rosauro, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

Kidnappers of Korean, trader demand ₱2M in ransom

By Aquiles Zonio
PDI Mindanao Bureau

PALEMBANG, Sultan Kudarat—This town's mayor confirmed that the suspects in the kidnapping of a Korean national and his Filipino pal sent emissaries asking an initial ransom of P2 million for the release of one of the two kidnap victims.

"But I told them (emissaries) there will never be negotiations if there's money involved," Mayor Labualas Mamansual told the INQUIRER.

Samroud disclosed that the emissaries met with him early this week and relayed the kidnappers' demand for P2 million in ransom in exchange for the safe release of Carlos Belonio, hotel owner based in General Santos City.

"The kidnappers wanted to free Belonio first, but they were demanding P2 million in initial payment. After that, negotiations for the release of a Korean national could start," Samroud said.

On Wednesday last week, about eight suspected Moro rebels belonging to the Moro Islamic Liberation Front's 204th Bangsamoro Islamic Armed Forces Brigade abducted Jae Keon Yoon, Belonio and their six other companions while the victims were on their way back to General Santos.

The victims came to see Tigre Jakiri, commander of the MILF's 204th BIAF Brigade based in hinterland Barangay Klobe in this town, for a deal on the purchase of nickel bars.

The victims were snatched in the boundary of Maitum, Sarangani and Palembang, Sultan Kudarat.

"The kidnappers wanted a separate negotiation for the Korean national as they are demanding a much higher ransom for his (Jae) release," Samroud quoted the emissaries as saying.

The emissaries did not mention how much ransom money was being asked by the kidnappers for the Korean victim.

The mayor disclosed that he is willing to give P100,000 as "goodwill" money, but the two victims should be released simultaneously by the suspects.

"They took them together, so they should release them together," Samroud said.

He disclosed that Sultan Kudarat Gov. Pax Mangudadatu is also willing to give P100,000 in goodwill money if the kidnappers would decide to free their hostages.

Samroud said "We are willing to talk with the kidnappers but there should be no mention of any ransom. I won't allow that. It's unfair for the victims to just give their hard-earned money to the kidnappers."

Col. Pedrito Magsino, 601st Army Brigade commander, said the victims have nobody to blame but themselves.

"They were kidnapped because, first, they did not coordinate with us, and secondly, because of their complete disregard for their personal safety," Magsino said.

He warned potential victims of kidnappings to be extra cautious about their personal safety, claiming that rescue operations for kidnap victims is far more expensive than offensive operations against rebels.

The mayor blamed the kidnap victims for the misfortune that befell on them.

"The allegation that there's a huge deposit of nickel bars here is a big hoax. If there were deposits, then they couldn't beat me to it. I grew up in this place," he said.

BING GONZALES

PARTING OF WAYS

Members of militant groups in Davao rally in the city to protest President Macapagal's decision to allow US troops to enter Mindanao for military exercises. The demonstrators claim Ms Macapagal reneged on the promises she made on Edsa when she took over from ousted President Joseph Estrada.

N. Luzon RP's next world-class tour destination, says GMA aide in North

BAGUIO CITY—Northern Luzon will be the next world-class tourist destination, according to former Nueva Ecija Rep. Renato Diaz, now presidential assistant for Northern Luzon.

Diaz said road projects such as the construction of cable cars and hanging bridges in Benguet and the extension of the North Expressway to Rosario, La Union, will make it easier for tourists to have access to popular places like Baguio and the region's least known natural attractions.

Diaz was here during the third leg of Explore 2002: North Philippine Expedition (NPE), a 150-vehicle convoy that was making a six-day tour of tourist attractions in Ilocos, Cagayan Valley, Cordillera and Central Luzon.

He said he was able to get "a few million dollars" from the Department of Agriculture's $100-million loan from China for the cable cars and hanging bridges.

He said Japanese experts have been consulted on the project, which is expected to start following recommendations for an integrated transportation development system in Baguio and Benguet.

The construction of cable cars and hanging bridges could be initiated by the private sector on a build-and-operate scheme, he said.

Diaz said funds have been allocated for the extension of the North Expressway from Sta. Ines in Pampanga to Tarlac City. The project will start at the end of the year, he said.

The North Philippine Expedition, which has 600 participants, including Americans, Chinese and Koreans, was designed to promote other towns and cities in Northern Luzon, aside from Baguio.

Among the least known attractions now promoted by the government as prime tourist destinations are the fine beaches of Pagudpud in Ilocos Norte and the Callao Caves and the Pinacanauan River in Peñablanca, Cagayan.

Pagudpud, which boasts of a five-kilometer stretch of some of the country's beautiful beaches, has been billed as the Boracay of the North and has been attracting local and international tourists.

The Callao Cave Zone is a caving and mountaineering paradise consisting of 300 cave systems.

During the second leg of the expedition, the participants were treated to a breathtaking show of millions of bats making their circadian flight out of the caves.

The expedition, one the country's most ambitious tourism events, was sponsored by the North Philippines Tourism Council and the Office of the Presidential Assistant for North Luzon, Ford Philippines, Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp., San Miguel Corp. and television network Studio 23.

Cooperating agencies were local government units, the regional offices of the Department of Tourism, Department of Trade and Industry and the Philippine Information Agency.

The expedition showcased cultural events and trade fairs in various stops. Organizers said the tour would be an annual activity in the Northern Philippines. ***Peter La. Julian and Desiree Caluza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

Gov't, MILF agree to form ceasefire team

COTABATO CITY—The government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) has agreed to establish a ceasefire team in at least 11 Mindanao provinces to monitor and record truce violations by combatants from both sides.

In a joint statement, signed a day after the Feb. 11 government-MILF meeting held here, both parties said they were in support of the vital role of the Coordinating Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities (CCCH) in the quest for "a peaceful mechanism in the prevention of (frequent armed) conflicts" between government soldiers and separatist MILF forces.

Eid Kabalu, MILF spokesperson, said the teams would be posted in the provinces of Maguindanao, Lanao del Sur, Lanao del Norte, Cotabato province, Sarangani, Zamboanga del Sur, Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga Sibugay, Basilan, Sultan Kudarat and South Cotabato.

Presidential Assistant for Mindanao Jesus Dureza, who also heads the government's peace panel in its ongoing negotiation with the MILF, said the overall CCCH chairs are Romeo Caliso for the government and Taps Julhani for the MILF.

Dureza and Kabalu said the inclusion of Davao City, Davao del Sur, Davao del Norte, Compostela Valley, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi and Palawan in the establishment of a ceasefire monitoring post will be the subject of a study and discussion when the peace panels meet again on March 9.

Frequent armed clashes in the past between soldiers and MILF guerrillas had been blamed for the collapse of previous talks.

The prospects of peace with the separatist rebels further dimmed in 2000, when former President Joseph Estrada ordered an all-out war against the MILF.

"With the ongoing peace negotiation, the parties concerned should now be sincere in working to attain peace so that social and economic progress would follow unhampered," Dureza said.

Kabalu said the MILF has vowed to help the government in its vision to uplift Mindanao's image and that includes helping the government put a stop to kidnappings.

Maguindanao Rep. Guimid Matalam said with the MILF's public declaration that it will run after kidnappers, the so-called "hostage-taking-for-a-fee" would soon be a thing of the past.

Matalam said the anti-kidnapping policy of the MILF includes not only running after kidnappers but also disallowing their entry into any MILF-occupied territories.

Matalam said the CCCH in the provinces would be an ideal source of coordination in tracking down misguided MILF elements engaged in kidnapping and other criminal activities. ***Charlie Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

Dagupan garbage program hits snag amid criticism

DAGUPAN CITY—Efforts to solve this city's 30-year garbage problem hit a setback after Mayor Benjamin Lim suspended negotiations for the purchase of the proposed landfill area in San Jacinto town for 30 days.

Lim announced the suspension to reporters on Wednesday after a local newspaper called as "onerous" the deal that would require the city government to buy the 30-hectare land for P16.1 million or double its market value.

The Sunday Punch quoted San Jacinto residents as saying that the land's market value was P25-P30 per square meter, but the city government's ratified absolute deed of sale was pegged at P53.75 per square meter.

The paper, published by Ermin Garcia Jr. who lost to Lim in the 2001 mayoral race, said the land belonged to Lim's business associate, a certain Jose Mariano Cua.

A visibly irked Lim dismissed insinuations that he made money from the deal.

"I completely deny (the accusation). It is untrue. If they can prove it, they can go to court as soon as possible because I'm ready to face them squarely. If they can't, they must find an alternative dumpsite," he said.

He added that no payment for the land has been made yet.

Lim said he hoped the suspension of the negotiations would "put to rest these malicious insinuations."

The city dumps its 200-ton daily garbage in a dumpsite in Barangay Bonuan but residents there have been complaining about the pollution and health hazards posed by the garbage dump.

Early this month, the residents, led by Barangay Capt. Alfredo Quinto, held a rally and refused entry to the city's dump trucks.

Lim promised the demonstrators that the city government was relocating the dump in Barangay Awai in San Jacinto town by April.

The city council has ratified the ordinance that would enable the city government to buy a land for a sanitary landfill.

But after reports circulated that the deal was "onerous," Lim held the negotiations in abeyance "to give my detractors as well as well-meaning Dagupeños to look for an alternative dumpsite."

"But if you cannot provide a good alternative solution, then shut up once and for all, and allow us to do this best-available option and to give relief to our long-suffering people in Dagupan," he said.

While there were written and verbal offers from several towns for a land area, Lim said he decided to go to the mountainous village of Awai because it was pre-approved by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

While Awai residents opposed the proposed sanitary landfill, Lim said this was expected "because no thinking man would accept that the garbage of another town would be dumped in their (backyard)."

"The social preparation, since we are dealing with people, is the hardest part. But we are almost there. If we can explain to them that it was possible to have a sanitary landfill like that in San Fernando City in La Union, I'm sure they would not oppose the project," he said.

He explained that it was not possible to establish a landfill in Dagupan because the city is below sea level. "We are trying very hard to solve this very serious and pressing problem of garbage. It is unfortunate that prominent people from Dagupan City are using every means to block the project," he added. ***Yolanda Fuertes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

Pact on seamen training signed in Dumaguete today

FORMER senator Ernesto Herrera and representatives of various maritime schools in the Visayas region will sign tomorrow an agreement that could send some 20,000 student-seafarers a year for apprenticeship training overseas.

President Macapagal-Aroyo will witness the signing of the agreement, which will be held at 8 a.m. at the Central Visayas Polytechnic College in Dumaguete City.

The agreement was forged through the initiative of Job Corps, a private sector-led work program that Herrera heads.

"One of the primary objectives of starting this apprenticeship program is to have Filipino workers train in highly advanced workplaces overseas," Herrera said in a press statement.

"We are starting with Filipino seafarers but the program will eventually include students in healthcare, in information and communications technology, in agriculture and other fields," Herrera said.

"We are not only trying to carve new niches of employment for our next generation of workers. We also want to keep and expand our current niches," he added.

Some 197,000 Filipino seafarers work in the 57,000 seagoing vessels currently operating in the world, controlling 27 percent of employment in that sector.

Filipino seafarers remitted $2.3 billion to the country last year, registering the only increase in remittances among all overseas Filipino workers.

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Bicol region, Visayas and Mindanao will experience cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms becoming widespread rains over Eastern Mindanao. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy.

SOURCE: PAGASA

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Laoag	Partly Cloudy	Hi 32° Lo 19°
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Legazpi	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 29° Lo 23°
Calapan	Partly Cloudy	Hi 30° Lo 19°
Iloilo/Bacolod	Partly Cloudy	Hi 30° Lo 22°
Roxas	Partly Cloudy	Hi 29° Lo 25°
Cebu	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 28° Lo 23°
Tacloban	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 34° Lo 24°
Gen. Santos	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 34° Lo 23°
Zamboanga	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 31° Lo 25°
Cagayan de Oro	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 27° Lo 21°
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Ex-US serviceman asks court for jail leave for check-up

BACOLOD CITY—A retired American serviceman, who is facing 62 counts of rape, is asking the court to allow him to go to Manila for his annual medical check-up.

Victor Pearson filed a motion before the Regional Trial Court in Kabankalan City, asking that he be permitted to go to Manila on March 14 and 15 so he can have his medical check-up at the US Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic along Roxas Boulevard.

In his motion, Pearson said that if he fails to undergo his annual medical check-up, the US government might cut off his monthly pension.

The result of his medical check-up is a requirement to be submitted to the US Veterans Service so Pearson can continue receiving his pension.

Pearson is a former US Marine and a veteran of the Vietnam War. He is now detained at the Negros Occidental Provincial Jail in Bacolod City pending trial of the 64 rape charges filed against him by five young girls.

The prosecution, however, vowed to oppose Pearson's motion on the ground that the American should not be allowed to get out of jail because he is facing charges for a heinous crime.

"Pearson is forgetting that he is facing complaints for 62 counts of rape," said private prosecutor Rowena Guanzon.

Pearson is facing 37 counts of rape before the RTC in Kabankalan, which were filed by three teenage girls. Two other teenage girls filed 25 counts of rape at the Ilog Municipal Trial Court.

Three more complainants were set to file rape charges against Pearson, said Guanzon.

The complainants used to be housemaids of the American in the house he maintained in Ilog town, Negros Occidental. ***Carla Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau***

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JAVIER MURDER CASE

Quest for justice still protracted

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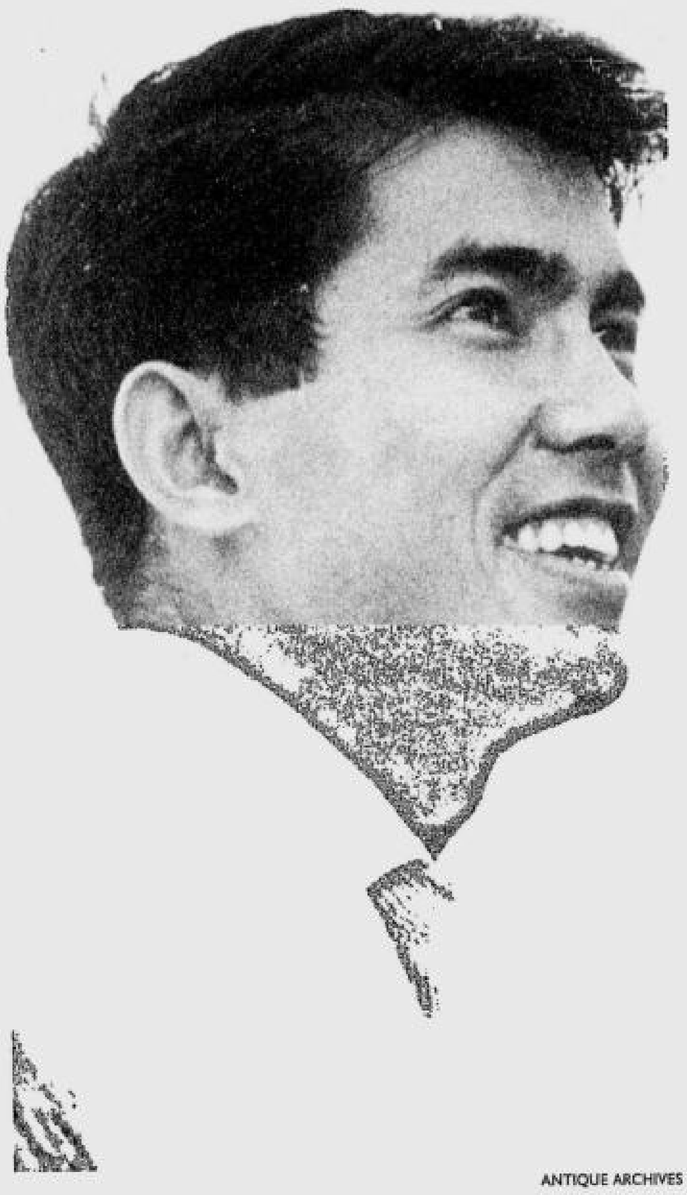
San Jose, Antique



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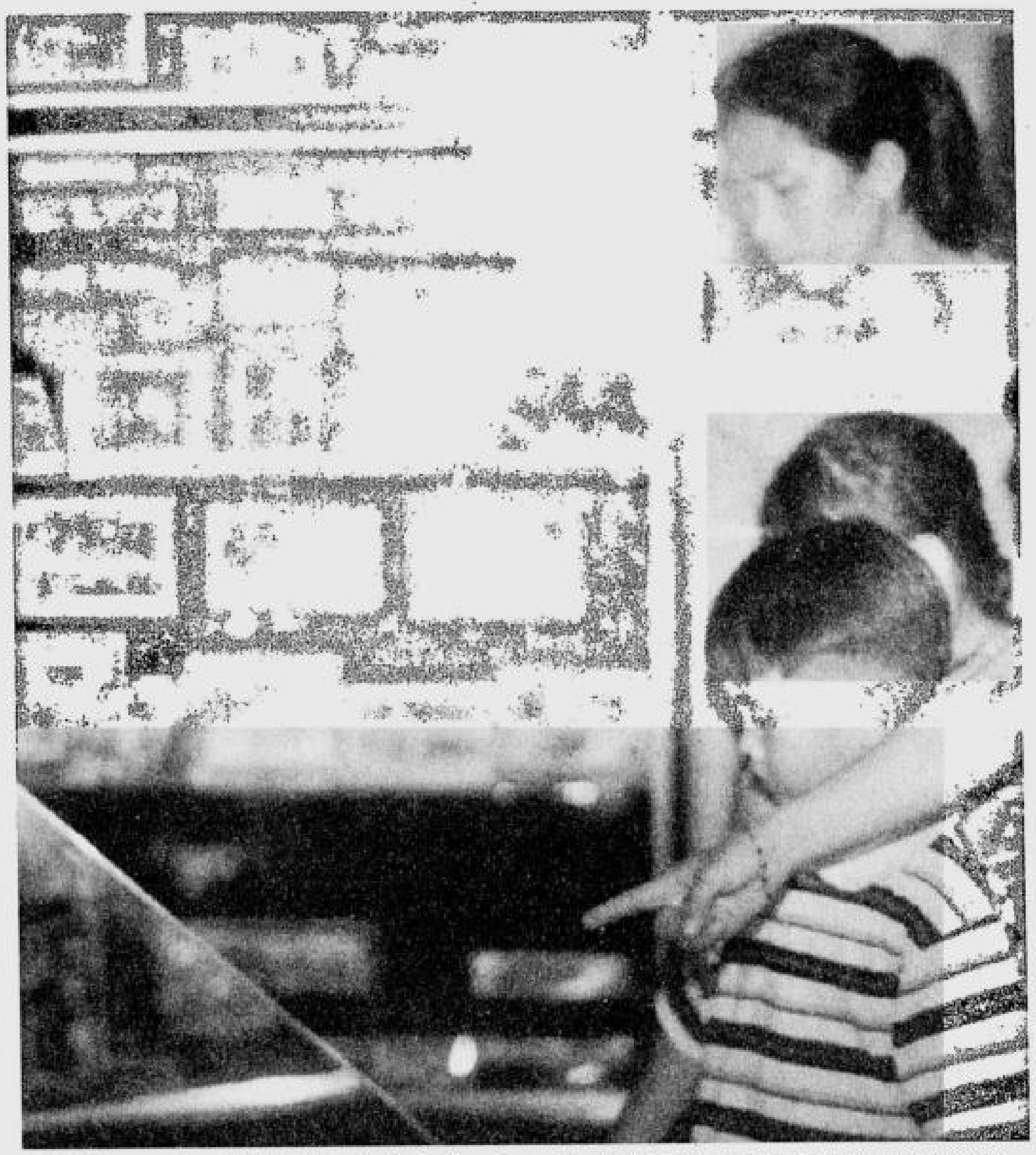

SLAIN former Gov. Evelio Javier (left); Antiqueño residents (right) look at memorabilia on display at the lobby of the provincial capitol in San Jose.

ARNOLD ALMACEN

HELEN Francisco wept openly as she gazed at the tattered and bloodstained yellow shirt, the familiar black boots and the pair of denim pants. The memories still remain vivid, 16 years after.

Francisco was an employee of the Rural Bank of Libertad when she heard the news that heavily armed men gunned down former Antique Gov. Evelio Javier at the town plaza on Feb. 11, 1986 during the canvassing of votes in the "snap" presidential elections.

Like many Antiqueños then, she was shocked by the brutal death of someone she adored and respected.

The memories will be preserved forever in glass-encased shelves containing a set of Javier memorabilia that was unveiled during the commemoration of his 16th death anniversary last Monday.

The items are displayed at the lobby of the new provincial capitol. They include photographs taken during his term as governor from 1972-80, family pictures and those taken during his burial.

The collection also includes a blue vest, a pair of boots and a yellow-colored cap that Javier wore when he ran for the Batasang Pambansa in 1984 and the clothes he wore when he was shot dead.

"You can never really feel the grief until you see these . . . it is like being there during his death," said the 45-year-old Francisco, now vice mayor of Libertad, about 127 kilometers north of the capital town of San Jose.

Many residents have welcomed the display of the memorabilia even if it means bringing back the terror and grief brought about by Javier's death.

There are plans to convert the photographs into digital form so these can be posted on the Internet and brought to schools and other provinces so the succeeding generations may catch glimpses of Javier's life and death.

"Many of the youths do not really know what happened to Evelio, what he stood for and why he became a hero," said Henry Frangue, 26, chair of the Sangguniang Kabataan Federation of Caluya town.

Still unsolved

After 16 years, Javier's murder remains unresolved. Two of the principal suspects remain at large and many residents are losing hope that justice will finally be served.

According to Javier's supporters, the display of the memorabilia could stop the growing disinterest in bringing his alleged killers to justice. Among them was one of the province's most powerful men during Javier's death, former Assemblyman Arturo Pacificador.

Pacificador, a close ally of former strongman Ferdinand Marcos, has been tagged as mastermind in the killing. He is facing murder, frustrated murder and attempted murder charges before the sala of Judge Rudy Castrojas of the Antique Regional Trial Court Branch 12.

Also charged are Pacificador's son Rodolfo, lawyer Avelino Javellana, Eduardo "Boy Muslim" Iran, John Paloy, Vicente Vegafria, Ramon Hortillano, Henry Salaver, Eleazar Idemne, Rolando Bernardino, Oscar Tiauson, Jimmy Punzalan, and four persons known only as Akay, Nonoy, Totong and Dolfo.

The younger Pacificador is seeking political asylum in Canada where he fled after the killing. The Philippine government has filed a petition before the Canadian courts for his extradition.

The whereabouts of Iran remain unknown. There had been unconfirmed reports that he was killed or seriously wounded in Malaysia two years ago. Iran is believed to be the leader of the gunmen who shot and pursued Javier from the grounds of the capitol to a comfort room of a house, some 250 meters away, where he was finished off.

The trial began in 1987, but it was suspended for nearly 10 years after the Supreme Court issued a temporary restraining order in 1989 following accusations that the judge handling the case then was biased in favor of the defense. The temporary restraining order was finally lifted in 1998.

4th judge

Castrojas is the fourth judge to handle the case, which involves nine volumes of basic court records and 28 volumes of stenographic notes.

Despite the Supreme Court resolution to expedite the case, the hearings have dragged on because of repeated delays. Castrojas is currently hearing the petition for bail of the accused.

One of the major reasons is the workload of the presiding judge. Castrojas handles 345 cases, including the Javier murder case, which, he said, is "equivalent to 100 cases."

Prosecutor Leo Dacera III, who heads the prosecution panel with private prosecutor Aurelio Trampe, said the delay has affected their witnesses' recollection of the events that happened 16 years ago.

Four prosecution witnesses have already died, Dacera said.

The hearings have also been delayed several times because witnesses failed to appear in court despite being subpoenaed.

No longer crowded

Attendance in the hearings has become sparse. The once jampacked courtroom has become empty, except for lawyers, the accused and their relatives as well as the reporters.

The years of delay have also taken its toll on both those accused of Javier's death and the slain governor's family.

"I still hope that justice will be served," said John Paloy, who has spent the most time in jail among the accused.

Paloy, 54, was the commanding officer of the 323rd Company of the Philippine Constabulary-Integrated National Police at the time of Javier's death.

Prosecution witnesses allege that Paloy was present during the planning of the killing, but Paloy maintains he is innocent.

The accused was arrested and detained at the regional police headquarters at Camp Martin Delgado in Iloilo City on Feb. 13, 1986, two days after Javier's death. On Nov. 7, 1986, he was transferred to San Jose where he has since been detained.

In 16 years of detention, Paloy has struggled against diabetes. Once called "Bulldog" for his huge 250-pound frame, he now weighs 140 pounds.

"I'm struggling hard to survive because I want the truth to come out," he said.

A father of five, the youngest born inside the provincial jail, Paloy's family lives on dole-outs from friends and relatives.

"I am not afraid. I still rely on the impartiality of the judge even if I have to stay here for more years," said Paloy.

Like Calvary

For Pacificador, the prolonged litigation is "like 16 years of Calvary."

"We are rotting in jail," said the 72-year-old Pacificador, who lives at a hut inside the compound of the provincial jail at the Binirayan Hills in San Jose along with the other suspects.

Pacificador has maintained his innocence. "In the long run, I will be vindicated," he said.

But Evelio's son, Francis Gideon, said the former assemblyman and the other accused were in the "best position now."

"They are not hunted and where they are now is not a bad place. Justice can only be served when they are brought to Bilibid (in Muntinlupa) for the rest of their lives," he said.

Now 31, Gideon has spent half his life without seeing justice for his father.

"Justice has been dissipated," he said. "We seem to have lost our will to bring people to justice not just in this case but in other cases."

He has also stopped attending the hearings because it "wears you out. I thought it would be over in two months."

He said he did not know what will happen with the case, but he is hoping for three things.

Gideon wants Arturo Pacificador convicted and sentenced. He is also hoping that the police will finally find and arrest Iran. Lastly, Gideon wants to see Rodolfo Pacificador finally extradited to the Philippines to face trial.

"We must make people accountable for deliberate acts of evil and malfeasance," said Gideon.

Sixteen years after his death, Evelio Javier is considered a hero not only of Antiqueños but also of Filipinos.

His death anniversary is a special non-working holiday on Panay Island. Most significant places in Antique have been named after him.

But Gideon said his father's death is "not about ceremonies."

"We don't have to remind ourselves of his death by beating our heads over and over," he said. "It's about what we do with our lives."

The education front

ECHOES FROM LEYTE

Loly Perez Isiderio

EVERYTHING just came my way while researching early for this piece. My good friend, Prof. Merlie Alunan Wenceslao, asked me to be a judge of the first inter-high school literature Quiz Bowl last Feb. 5 at the University of the Philippines in Tacloban City.

The Ideopraxist (Ideas Put Into Practice), an organization of Communication Arts students, organized the contest. The young students really made us feel good. They were respectful, well-behaved and serious.

Each of the six competing high schools had two contestants. The hall was filled with schoolmates of the participants, who applauded them roundly for support. The game show was patterned after those seen on television.

First prize went to the Philippine Science High School, represented by Paul Lyndon Ayon and Marc Titus D. Cebreros who got a total of 230 points. Their coach was Maria Mylah Javier.

Second placer was the Sacred Heart High School, represented by Romulo Val M. Palomino and Genevieve M. Ortega. Their coach was Ma. Ninfa Josol.

The Panalaron National High School, represented by Paul Edwin Mendiola and Arturo P. Rosales III, bagged third prize. Their coach was Rowena Estoque.

The event was such a success that the organizers proposed to put up similar contests often.

Professor Alunan then gave me a chance to look at the UP Open University in Eastern Visayas, which has been formally launched and is now on its way to full implementation. The UPOU gives out-of-school youths, who are at least 20 years old and high school graduates, to enroll in a university program of their choice. The distance learning mode is similar to that of a Correspondence School.

The most attractive program is the Associate in Arts, which can qualify a student to enter college and work for a bachelor's degree. Through the UPOU, one can study without having to give up his or her job or leave his or her family.

The UPOU is one of the six autonomous units (AUs) of the UP System. The other AUs are UP Diliman, UP Los Baños, UP Manila, UP Visayas and UP Mindanao.

The UPOU administers the distance education of the UP System. Like the other AUs, the UPOU is headed by a chancellor. In each of the AUs, the UPOU has a School for Distance Education headed by a dean.

While on the UP premises, I saw the Gender and Development Resource Center managed by co-coordinators Hernanita L. Peliqo and Jocelyn Caqas. I looked at their brochure, the Kadayao, and learned much from it. In the language of Leyte and Samar, *kadayao* means full moon. The moon is a universal symbol for women.

In Philippine folklore, the full moon is the moon of power. When the moon is waxing, this is the most auspicious time to do anything, such as setting the posts of a house or moving into a new one, planting and reaping, asking a girl's hand in marriage or starting a new venture.

This is the period of tremendous positive and creative energy, which peaks when the moon is at its fullest. *Kadayao* is a metaphor for the peculiar power and energy of the female.

The Kadayao Gender and Development Center of Eastern Visayas draws from this symbol. Its aims for advocacy and action in the areas of Leyte, Samar and Biliran.

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THE LEYTE Institute of Technology will soon be a university. The proposed bill creating the Eastern Visayas State Polytechnic University is now on its second reading in Congress. The bill was filed by Leyte Rep. Ted Failon (first district).

Several other schools in Leyte and Samar can be possible satellites of the new polytechnic university, but only if they so wish. They could also pursue their own accreditation.

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EDUCATION Secretary Raul S. Roco was in Tacloban last Feb. 8 to meet with officials of public and private schools in the region. He held a press conference at the Leyte Normal University House and in the afternoon, attended the launching of the pilot-testing of the Checkless Payroll System for Tacloban and Ormoc cities at the Development Bank of the Philippines.

Those who assisted in the preparation of the program and in organizing the press conference were Sol Matugas, education regional director; Violeta Alocilja and Cirila Redoña, school superintendents; and Filemon Tamayo, assistant school superintendent. All these I got from Director Alvin Arpon of the Philippine Information Agency, an old friend from way back.

I also received an invitation from my goddaughter Lina, who does not forget me in any important matters. This is to attend the "Special Exhibit on the Life, Writings and Person of the Blessed Josemaria Escriva," founder of the Opus Dei, to celebrate the centenary of his birth.

A Eucharistic concelebration led by Archbishop Pedro R. Dean of Palo, Leyte, was held at about 5:45 p.m. on Feb. 14 at the Sto. Niño Church to mark the formal opening of the exhibit.

Going around to campaign for the event was Juliet Romualdez, accompanied by her husband, former Leyte Gov. Benjamin "Kokoy" Romualdez.

My friend, Leonor Almeria, tipped me off on the high visibility of the former governor, but not for political reasons. His interests go beyond mundane things now. And as I believe Leonor, it must follow that I would believe this Romualdez, too.

Valentine's Day in times of war (exercises)

ZAMBOANGA City—Before he left last month to join a campaign against Abu Sayyaf bandits in Mindanao, US Master Sgt. Michael Farris stashed a box of chocolates and a gold ring in his Japan home as a Valentine's gift for his wife.

On Thursday, Farris took a brief break from work to call home and tell his wife about her hidden presents.

In their fight against terrorism, US troops know there is hardly any time for love.

"If you're thousands of miles away, there is nothing much you can do," said Farris, describing how US troops are struggling to celebrate the most romantic day of the year.

Despite the tough image they project, men in camouflage uniforms are no different from their civilian counterparts, he says. "Everybody's heart is the same."

US officials installed a few computer terminals with Internet access and phone booths at the Philippine military's tightly guarded Southern Command headquarters, where more than 200 American soldiers are staying, to let them pass on holiday greetings.

Sgt. Troy Bieber of Hutchinson, Kansas, said he called up friends to ask them to surprise wife Annie with red roses. Asked if he would spend his first Valentine's Day away from home with booze and dancing, Bieber replied, "No, I would be working."

Bieber said he felt "a little bit sad" and added he missed his 9-year-old daughter's high-pitched laughter.

More than 600 US soldiers are joining a training exercise designed to strengthen the Philippine military's capability to wipe out Abu Sayyaf bandits.

Security concerns have restricted the American servicemen to three military camps in Zamboanga, a predominantly Roman Catholic port city of more than 600,000 people.

Camp life has dealt mainly with preparatory work for the war drills—setting up satellite dishes, wading through paperwork, moving around weapons and equipment unloaded from giant aircraft and renewing alliances with local troops in an Asian country that once hosted the largest American military facility outside the US mainland.

Zamboanga Mayor Maria Clara Lobregat invited the Americans to sample a feast of seafood and songs at her beach resort on Valentine's night, but they could not go because of travel restrictions, Philippine Lt. Col. Danilo Servando said.

Instead, a Philippine army rock 'n' roll band, which practiced Western hits prior to the troops' arrival, regaled the Americans over lunch.

Security is so strict, even Filipinos who are now part of the US military contingent are not allowed to visit local relatives, said US Air Force Sgt. Albin Hinahon, who was born in the Philippines.

Hinahon says he misses spending "quality time" with his wife and children on Valentine's Day—eating out, malling and watching movies.

What does he miss most? He replied with a big laugh: "It's private, I couldn't tell you." *AP*

What's in a name? It's still deception

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too. The two governments say, all right, you don't want it, we drop it," he said. "Since the Sofa connotes permanent presence or basing of troops here, they renamed it from Sofa to Visiting Forces Agreement, so it would seem like just a visit."

But shortly before President Macapagal-Arroyo went to the US last November, he added, an "entirely new name for the ball game was hatched." So, they come up with the Mutual Logistics Support Arrangement (MLSA).

"They revived the Acsa and came up with the MLSA," Tañada stressed. "The MLSA will justify the longer stay here of troops because of the millions of dollars of logistics that the US promised this government last year."

Last November, President Bush promised Ms Macapagal to provide the Philippines with $100 million in "security assistance."

"We could say that just like the Acsa, the MLSA contains similar one-sided, unequal, inequitable and unconstitutional provisions that are mostly favorable to the US government," Tañada said. "It wants nothing but permanent presence of the Americans here."

Tañada vowed that these are among the issues that the Gathering for Peace will explain to the public. Tañada said the Gathering for Peace will not only reject the deployment but will also call for the abrogation of the VFA, the Mutual Defense Treaty and the junking of the MLSA.

"It took us decades to reclaim our sovereignty and freedom from the Americans. But this government has undermined the gains that we achieved by welcoming them back using backdoor negotiations," said Tañada, who was among the 12 senators who voted to boot out the US military bases in 1991.

Public kept in the dark

"They continue to deny that there is ongoing negotiation for the MLSA and yet the tightly guarded documents had undergone several revisions already. Where is transparency here? Why is the public being kept in the dark?"

Nationwide protest actions and information campaigns in public forums, mass distribution of flyers and primers, were lined up by the Gathering for Peace.

Elsewhere in the country, the gathering storm of protests continue to gain strength.

Mindanao's main cities

In major cities of Mindanao, militant groups continued their opposition to the arrival of the American troops yesterday, declaring Valentines Day as a national day of dating to oust them.

In Butuan City, residents marched in the streets to express their love for Mindanao.

Shouting anti-US slogans, the ralliers demanded that the government immediately suspend the Balikatan.

They also called on for Congress to conduct an immediate and comprehensive investigation into the legality of these exercises by thoroughly scrutinizing the "Terms of References," operation plans, the MLSA and related documents, as well as revising the Mutual Defense Treaty and the VFA.

In Davao City, militants said Valentines Day signaled the launching of a multi-sectoral coalition against the military exercises.

Bayan Muna Rep. Satur Ocampo led the crowd in denouncing the alleged surrender of the country's sovereignty to the Americans.

Some 7,000 protesters took to the streets and affixed their signature in a manifesto rejecting the Balikatan.

1-million signatures

The Out MindaNow coalition said they aimed to gather one million signatures against the Balikatan.

They said the joint military war games would eventually become another launching pad for the American government to reestablish their bases in the country and lead the fight against revolutionary forces.

Ocampo said that there is a possibility of more joint military exercises held for a longer period because the training seemed to prepare the US soldiers for longer war in the jungles, where the NPAs and the MILF have maintained their forces.

Cebu City

In Cebu City, the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan (Bayan) will also hold a protest caravan today against American troops.

Paul Rodriguez, Bayan chair of Central Visayas, said the caravan will start at 9 a.m. and proceed to the Mactan Benito Ebuen Airbase in Lapulapu City, Mactan Island, Cebu.

Capt. Enrico Canaya, the air base's Tactical Operation Command spokesperson, said they would allow the militant groups to stage demonstrations at the MBEAB despite the tight security measures imposed after a homemade bomb was recovered near its gate last Sunday.

He said Air Force officials do not consider the militant groups a threat to the air base's security.

He added that the ongoing investigation of the bomb incident had not pointed to the militant groups as being responsible a Molotov bomb near the air base's Gate 2 last Sunday.

Rodriguez denied that their group had placed the bomb near the gate, saying some "pro-American groups" wanted to frame Bayan and other groups opposed to the presence of American soldiers to stop them from holding demonstrations.

Canaya said there would be no significant activity at the Mactan Airbase today with the start of the joint military exercises.

The 220 American soldiers now based at the MBEAB were just waiting for instructions from Zamboanga, he added.

The American soldiers arrived at the MBEAB over the weekend to serve as maintenance crew to US aircraft participating in the Balikatan exercises.

Six American aircraft—three C-130 cargo plane and three MH-47 helicopters—have also been placed on standby at the air base.

Canaya said the American soldiers are required to follow the guidelines imposed at the air base. They are also limited to designated areas in the MBEAB, he added.

The American soldiers are billeted at undisclosed hotels in Lapulapu City. ***With reports from reports from Julie S. Alipala, Charlie C. Señase, Ma. Kristina Cassion and Anthony S.Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau Jhunnex Napallacan, PDI Visayas Bureau***

Stage is set for 4-carat date on June 24

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Except for former Presidents Fidel Ramos and Cory Aquino, the other principal sponsors are still up in the air.

The smiles of President Macapagal-Arroyo made her look like a 14-carat star on stage as she and her husband, Atty. Jose Miguel Arroyo on Valentine's Day, joined their son, Pampanga Vice Governor Juan Miguel "Mikey" Arroyo, to formally ask for the hand of Angela Montenegro in marriage. Angela's beaming parents, Herman and Charito Montenegro, played scintillating hosts.

The vivacious Charito, who's a first cousin of Mr. Mike Arroyo, wore a fetching aqua outfit. Angela, 32, was stunning in a Thai silk dress by Paul Cabral; Mikey also 32, wore a jusi barong. The President wore a black pantsuit.

As a gift to her son and for his bride-to-be, Ms Macapagal gave the four-carat diamond ring of her grandmother, Irinea Macaraeg. "So Angela will be a fourth generation member of the family to enjoy that ring," she later told a press conference.

The INQUIRER learned that Rita Neri is the wedding coordinator; the bride shoes will be handcrafted by Leila Almario; her makeup on her wedding day will be done by Patrick Roxas.

The engagement party catered by the Plaza Restaurant and attended only by the immediate relatives of the Macapagal and Montenegro families, started at 8 p.m. and lasted till 10:30 p.m.

Asked about her husband's Valentine gift, the President parted the collar of her dress to reveal a diamond-studded necklace.

"Oh, he gave me this little necklace, this one," and the President giggled.

Built-in SSS

She said she was not aware of any pre-nuptial arrangement by the couple because "I don't meddle."

Asked whether she shed a tear over her son's marriage, the President laughed. "You know in the Philippines, you don't really lose a son or a daughter when they get married. You gain a daughter—or a son-in-law because we ... we have an extended family system," she said.

"And that's a beautiful thing about our culture. We have a built-in SSS that's why in the Philippines, husbands and wives can really work," she added.

Ms Macapagal was referring to the pension fund, the Social Security System to which workers turn for loans and other financial assistance.

Latecomer

The *pamanhikan* was scheduled at 7 p.m., but as early as noontime, members of the Presidential Security Group (PSG) started securing the Montenegro residence.

Ms Macapagal came late as she motored from Capas, Tarlac to hold a dialog with an Aeta community. She wore a black pantsuit with a large brooch.

The guards at North Forbes had strict instructions not to allow anyone inside the subdivision without informing the Montenegros about the visitor.

"Ma'am, you can come in but not inside the house," the guard said, after checking with the Montenegros about the media visitor.

By 7 p.m. the street across was crawling with press people. Two OB vans, several vehicles, TV monitors and journalists filing their stories live from the Montenegro residence crowded the street.

Closer to the Montenegro residence, photographers gawked at the goings on inside, peering over the fence. But the gates were closed. The PSG was very clear: no media allowed inside the house. ***With a report from Marge Enriquez***

AT THE BIRTHDAY party on Friday of Gina de Venecia, the President (beside the celebrant) prompted speculations after she left before Vice President Guingona arrived. Others in photo, from left: Sen. Franklin Drilon, Speaker Jose de Venecia with congressional spouses Margie Duavit and Kimi Cojuangco.

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'Lately, Gloria's been charming

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once in a while.

Abad made this statement yesterday, apparently moved by Ms Macapagal's lament that the public does not seem to appreciate her efforts.

Ms Macapagal said on Thursday she felt like throwing in the towel after working so hard and not being appreciated.

Yesterday, she elaborated during her regular press conference.

She said the thought of quitting crosses her mind "every so often." However, she said, she had resisted the thought because it "comes from the evil one" and because she must do her duty.

Dubbed by some as the Iron Lady of Asia, the President said that while she is a brave person, it is also true that "brave persons also have feelings."

"Feelings are neither right nor wrong. It's what you do with them that's right or wrong," she said.

"I sympathize with her," said Abad, president of the Liberal Party and a critic of Ms Macapagal.

"The Presidency is the loneliest job. It's where the buck stops, so once in a while, we should give her a pat in the back," he said.

The Batanes congressman said the President should be recognized for the performance of the economy.

Abad had previously criticized the President's lack of "emotional quotient," saying that she comes off as cold and distant.

'Charming'

"Lately, she's been charming," Abad said with a chuckle.

Abad said the President is trying to show the people that if former President Joseph Estrada claimed to be for the masses, "this one cares more for the poor."

Abad also said he thought Social Welfare Secretary Dinky Soliman was the most-hardworking member of the Cabinet, judging from the fact that one of his daughters, who works with the social welfare secretary, is losing weight.

But he said he realized that the President is the one working the hardest inspite of the criticisms hurled at her.

"I really think she's been putting in a lot of time (in her work)," said Abad, whose criticisms have earned him and his party regular dialogs with the President.

But not everyone is sympathetic to the President's lamentations.

University professor Walden Bello said Ms Macapagal's problems were of her own making. He said she should do a lot of repair work to correct the wrong policies drawn up by her administration.

He said Ms Macapagal should give more substance to her economic policies even if it meant hurting certain interests.

On the ongoing Balikatan war exercises, Bello said things were getting out of control and she was "pissed off because she can't rationalize an unconstitutional act."

Self-pity

Akbayan partylist Rep. Etta Rosales said Ms Macapagal was just indulging in self-pity, which is expected from the President because she is just a human being.

"As a politician who has taken very tough stance on issues since her early days, she should have taken this into consideration," Rosales said.

While wanting to sympathize, Rosales said the President should draw her inspiration and strength from the Filipinos, especially the poor.

"Her best source of strength and inspiration is the people she is serving, by being sensitive to their needs and listening to them," Rosales said.

She said the President should "forget herself" and her political plans so that she will not have self-pity.

"She should take comfort in the Filipino people. It seems that she is so engrossed seeking the support of foreigners," she said.

Rosales was alluding to the United States, which has sent troops to hold joint exercise with Filipino soldiers in Basilan. ***With a report from Connie Fernandez, PDI Visayas Bureau***

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Philippines and the US.

President Macapagal had reorganized the Presidential Commission on the Visiting Forces Agreement and stripped him of the power to appoint the executive director of the commission.

The VFA Commission is the agency tasked to monitor compliance with the provisions of the VFA, which the Macapagal administration has cited to validate this year's Balikatan which involves 660 US troops, an unusually large number compared to the exercises in the past.

Earlier this week, Guingona said that he was "satisfied" with the agreement that the exercise will not affect the government's peace negotiations with communist and Muslim separatist rebels, as well as negatively impact on the country's diplomatic relations with other states in the Asia-Pacific region.

Guingona also gave his assent to the Balikatan's "terms of reference" although the final TOR had watered down the Department of Foreign Affairs initial position that American troops must be under the "authority" of commanders of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

The TRO allowed American officers to retain command of US troops.

As hundreds cheer, strange . . .

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(joint exercises)," Farris told reporters.

Farris said the Chinooks were doing flight initiation training. He refused to give details of reports that the aircraft had landed first in Basilan.

Col. Roland Detabali, Southern Command's chief for operation, informed the INQUIRER that the Chinooks arrived in the city at around 6:50 a.m. from Mactan Air Base in Cebu City, but they first landed in Basilan to deliver supplies along with 21 American personnel.

Farris claimed that he had no idea about the choppers landing in Basilan, stressing that the pilots were not yet familiar with the island.

The Chinook helicopter is usually used for covert and overt infiltration, air assault, re-supply and sling operations over a wide range of conditions.

The aircraft is capable of operating at night and during marginal weather conditions by using special mission equipment and night vision devices. Its crew can operate in all types of terrain at low altitudes during periods of low visibility.

Detabali denied that the aircraft would be used for military operations in Basilan. "They are just here for training and for sending of supplies and logistics."

Lt. Gen. Roy Cimatu, Southcom chief, told the INQUIRER that the aircraft was ideal for Basilan's thick vegetation and weather. "Those kind of huge helicopters can work there," he said.

He said US soldiers, particularly those belonging to the support units, were starting to look for ideal helipads for the helicopters in Basilan.

By the end of next week, as many as 660 US troops will be in Mindanao for the six-month joint operations.

About 200 US troops, primarily logistics and communications personnel, are already in Zamboanga City.

Gen. Diomedio Villanueva, Armed Forces chief of staff, said only 160 US commandos would go to nearby Basilan Island to join their Filipino counterparts in patrols against the Abu Sayyaf bandits, a small group linked to the al-Qaida network of Saudi militant Osama bin Laden.

The Abu Sayyaf is holding hostage an American couple and a Filipina nurse and there is anticipation that the US deployment will lead to the recovery of the hostages.

Although the US forces will not directly take part in combat, they are allowed to fire back when attacked. ***With a report from AFP***

Buhain zeroes in on non-performing NSAs

By Marc Anthony Reyes

PHILIPPINE Sports Commission chair Eric Buhain yesterday said national sports associations that earned fat financial subsidies last year but failed to deliver the goods might face budget cuts this year.

Buhain singled out gymnastics, cycling, swimming, football, shooting, archery and fencing, which were the Top 10 recipients of substantial budgets from the PSC last year.

Associations in gymnastics, cycling, swimming and football failed to win a single gold, while fencing, shooting and archery each had only one gold medal to show during the last year's Southeast Asian Games despite budgets that ranged from P6.8 million to P9.6 million.

"There is a possibility that what they received last year will be affected by their performance," Buhain told the INQUIRER.

But the youthful PSC chief, barely a month in office, was quick to point out that the NSAs' poor performance in the SEAG will be just one of the bases for determining their budgets.

"We have prepared a scheme to determine the budgets for each NSAs. We will take into account the composition of the team, organization and performance," Buhain said. "I'm sure they (NSAs) have good reasons for their performance despite big capital outlay."

Buhain is already midway into deliberations concerning NSAs vying for slots in the Busan Asian Games.

The PSC chief said the agency is bound to give more money this year compared to the P242,980,070.30 it bankrolled for the 47 NSAs last year.

The PSC's biggest NSA expenditure in 2001 came from international and local exposure and training which cost P69,517,802.78.

Allowances of athletes and coaches also reached P41,875,382.92 last year, while equipment expenses amounted to P39,345,754.74.

Payment to foreign coaches was P20,483,886.28, while meals for athletes reached P12,741,483.31.

Biggest NCA derby slated

THE BIGGEST and most exciting NCA 7-Cock Derby under the aegis of the premier National Cockers Association will be held on Feb. 18-20 at the Araneta Coliseum, with cockfighting luminaries three-term Rizal Gov. Ito Ynares and Manny Co as hosts.

Competing are the country's leading cocker-breeders from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao, including Metro Manila and nearby provinces like Rizal, Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Tarlac, Bulacan and Pampanga. In the fold are "sabong" stalwarts Ambassador Danding Cojuangco, Jorge "Nene" Araneta, Gov. Ito Ynares, back-to-back Cocker of the Year Jun Santiago, Pampanga's pride Jun and Rudy Jingco, the unsinkable James Chiongbian, former PBA commissioner Rudy Salud, Lito Orillaza, recent World Slasher solo champion Dicky Lim, Mario Villamor of Phoenix fame, the Madlambayan brothers, Alex and Gerry Escalona, Boy Lechon and RQP, Gerry Fevidal, engineer Pacifico Berin, Louie Cua, Philip Chiongbian, Makati Mayor Jojo Binay and Vice Mayor Nestor Mercado.

Also in the stellar cast are Iking Araneta, Ram Lopez, Eddie and Bomboy Araneta, Georgie Antonio, noted breeder Boy Jiao, Ryoichi Saito, Ruel Ricafort, Manny Co, Allan Tan, John Capinpin, Frank Berin, Rep. Rudy Albano, Peping Cojuangco and Esting Teopaco, Patrick Puno, Jet Fernando, Boyet Joson, Dennis Roldan, Meycauayan mayor Eddie Alarilla and Ruel Feliciano and Sons.

Rounding up the field are Boy Velez, Johnny Jalandoni, Ed Ledesma, Boy Nilo Lizares, Ramon Guanzon, Felix Trebol, Mayor Vic Amante, Blandie Tolentino, Pol Estrellado, Boy Primallon, Kano Daniel, Arthur Uy and Jung-Jung Morales of Mindanao.

87th RP Open golf qualifying deadline

MANOTOC

TODAY is the deadline of submission of entries in the qualifying round for 10 slots in the Casino Filipino 87th Philippine Open on March 7-10 at Wack Wack.

The two-day qualifying is on Feb. 18-19 at Villamor. Tee off time is 6:30 a.m.

Ageless Tommy Manotoc was among the early entries. The others were Jong Laput, Jun Bernis, Dave Hernandez, Ronnie Torrecampo, Boyet Saragoza, Solomon Gines, Jose Mari Hechanova, Jojo Cruz, Chester Calpotura and Randy Garalde.

Entry fee is P2,500.

"I wish to express my gratitude once more to Villamor for accommodating us," said Danny Pizarro, chair of the tournament committee.

Aspirants can call 723-0665, 525-6987, 524-5160 and 8534978 for other details.

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PRESS CORPS AWARDS

Rudy Mendoza of Ana Freezers' and Leo Austria of Shark Energy Drink (second and third from left, respectively) show their awards as coaches of the year from the PBL Press Corps during Friday's ceremonies at the SCOOP sa Kamayan along West Avenue, Quezon City. Also in photo are Ms Aura Beronilla Black, sales and marketing manager of sponsoring Johnny Air Cargo and PBL chair Dioceldo Sy.

RP chessers tie for 2nd with Uzbekistan bets

Final Standings:
Pavlodar (Kazakhstan) 31.5 pts.; Manila (Philippines), Namangan (Uzbekistan) 25.0; Jakarta (Indonesia) 20.5; Delhi (India) 19.5; Tehran (Iran) 19.0; Doha (Qatar) 17.5; Baghdad (Iraq), Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) 17.0; Amman (Jordan), Dubai (UAE), Colombo (Sri Lanka) 16.0; Lucknow (India), Sanaa (Yemen), Aden (Yemen) 15.5; Taiz (Yemen) 14.0; Al Muharaq (Bahrain) 13.0; Al Mukalla (Yemen) 10.5.

TORRE

THE PHILIPPINES beat Malaysia, 3.5-0.5, in the last round on Thursday to finish in a tie for second in the Asian Cities Chess Team Championship in Aden, Yemen.

GMs Eugene Torre and Joey Antonio and tournament high scorer NM Emmanuel Senador scored full points while GM Bong Villamayor was held to a draw to tally a total of 25 points in the 9-round Swiss system tournament.

The defending team of Pavlodar (Kazakhstan) had clinched the championship's Dubai Cup in the penultimate round and finished with 31.5 points.

Going into the last round, Namangan was ahead by a half point over Manila but the Uzbek GMs could only manage 3:1 over the team of Doha (Qatar).

The Filipinos, whose trip to Aden was supported by National Chess Federation of the Philippines president Mat V. Defensor and vice president Andres Gatmaitan, had earlier beaten Namangan 3:1 on victories by Villamayor and Senador over GM Marat Dzumaev and GM Saidali Iuldashev, respectively. Torre and Antonio had drawn with GM Alexei Barsov and GM Shurat Savin, respectively.

Villamayor won the bronze medal on Board 3 while Senador grabbed the silver on Board 4 undefeated with 89 percent.

Senate wives host horse races today

TOPNOTCH horse racing action continues at the San Lazaro Hippodrome today as the Senate Spouses Foundation Inc. (SSFI), in cooperation with the Manila Jockey Club Inc. (MJCI), hosts another explosive card of 13 evenly-matched track encounters headlined by a pair of top money races.

Going into the penultimate day of the 5-day "Karera Para sa Puso" Racing Festival, track side action goes into high gear as Pagcor and the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) act as co-presentors to the running of two highly charged stakes events, the P500,000.00 Casino Filipino Cup and the P500,000.00 PCSO Cup.

"We are truly overwhelmed by the generous support being extended by our friends from the corporate sector to raise funds to defray the cost of building centers for the elderly and sick throughout the country," said SSFI President Milagros Drilon, wife of Senate President Franklin Drilon.

A select field of nine thoroughbreds are set to see action in the "Casino Filipino Cup," headlined by likely favorite and noted speedball All Smiles.

Others in contention for the 1,500-meter stakes event include Deputy Royale, Sunny Puddles, Patikim, Desert Deb, Red Bells, Mrs. Big, Hostile Witness and Silent Wind.

Meanwhile, seven (7) crack gallopers are slated to dispute the "PCSO Cup" including Legend of Gala, Astuce, Going Free, Hyperbid, Chief Navigator, Royal Service and early favorite Kitty Hawk.

Top officials from the sponsoring Casino Filipino and the PCSO led by Pagcor Chair Ephraim Genuino and PCSO Chairperson Ma. Livia "Honeygirl" S. de Leon, are expected to be on hand to assist in the awarding of trophies to the winning connections of their respective sponsored races.

In support of the featured benefit races, the SSFI, the PCSO and the MJCI will also be conducting a special medical mission at the San Lazaro Hippodrome from 8 a.m. to 12 noon today. The said medical mission is also being supported by Representative Harry Angping of the 3rd District of Manila, together with a pool of 20 doctors who are set to provide free medical consultations and medicines.

"MJCI has been holding regular medical missions for our host community for the past months," said MJCI president Alfonso R. Reyno Jr. "I thank the SSFI and the PCSO in helping us to provide with more medical and charity services to the less privileged members of our community."

Female jockey dies after fall in NZ run

WELLINGTON, New Zealand—A young woman jockey died in hospital Thursday after falling from a horse during a South Island race meeting and being trampled by following horses.

Jo McGartland, 25, suffered severe head and chest injuries when she was thrown from her mount, True Justice, during the sixth race at the Amberley Racing Club's meeting in the small town of Rangiora, 20 kilometers (12 miles) north of Christchurch.

McGartland died in hospital late Thursday night. True Justice stumbled, throwing McGartland, after clipping the heels of another horse.

McGartland was trampled by a following horse and trodden on by her own mount as it regained its feet. *AP*

Ramirez in; Garcia, Lim out of PSC

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday reinstated William "Butch" Ramirez commissioner of the Philippine Sports Commission even as she accepted the resignation of commissioners Weena Lim and Richie Garcia.

Ms Arroyo said she didn't accept the resignation of Ramirez, who tendered his resignation last month after Butch Tuason resigned as PSC chair.

In a phone call from General Santos City, Ramirez told the INQUIRER he could not refuse "the President's will."

Said Ramirez: "I'm very happy with the trust Ms Arroyo has given me. It will only make me work harder to help Philippine sports."

From a list of 50 or more candidates, only six remained in the running to replace Lim and Garcia.

Lim and Garcia will remain in their posts until after the President has named their successors.

Ms Arroyo last month named Eric Buhain to replace Tuason. ***Marc Anthony Reyes, with a report from Carlito Pablo***

Jury awards Lewis $8 million

NEW YORK—A federal jury awarded roughly $8 million in damages to heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis after finding he had been ripped off by his promoter. In a civil trial, the jury concluded on Thursday that Panos Eliades and his company, Panix Promotions, defrauded Lewis through a pattern of theft that amounted to racketeering.

The bulk of the award—$6.8 million—stemmed from the jury's finding that the promoter breached his fiduciary duty as manager.

After the verdict in a Manhattan trial before US District Judge Harold Baer Jr., Lewis issued a statement saying he was "satisfied that justice has been done today."

"I can now concentrate on my boxing career," he said.

A message left with a lawyer for Eliades was not immediately returned.

As soon as the verdict was returned, a lawyer for Lewis sought to deliver a knockout punch to Eliades' London-based promotion of boxers.

The lawyer, Judd Burstein, said he would ask British courts to freeze Eliades' assets.

He said the claimed assets of the promoter do not approach $8 million, partly because most of his assets consist of contracts with boxers.

As a result, Lewis will try to take over those contracts, feeding them to Lion Promotions, a Las Vegas-based company that employs Lewis, Burstein said.

Burstein said late Thursday that Eliades had consented to freezing his assets, except for spending limited amounts to continue doing business. *AP*

SPORTSWATCH

One more no to Tyson

DENVER —Colorado denied a promoter's request for a permit to stage a Mike Tyson-Lennox Lewis championship bout, citing Tyson's violent reputation. Josef Mason, director of Colorado's Office of Boxing, denied the request by promoter Marty Garafalo on Thursday. "What made the decision was a little bit of everything, especially his record inside the ring. With that kind of record, we wouldn't know what would occur when he actually fought," Mason said. Garafalo applied Monday for a permit to stage the fight June 8 at Invesco Field at Mile High. *AP*

Auto Review airs today

AUTO Review airs today at 6:30 p.m. on NBN 4. It will feature an MTV of its coverage of the tough Rainforest Challenge of Malaysia. The show's other segments include the Honda Auto Calendar and What's New, What's Hot? featuring the 2002 Isuzu Trooper.

Angling at Subic on

A 71-ANGLER field from eight fishing clubs reels off today for the Subic Bay Yacht Club-PGFF interclub fishing tournament of the Philippine Game Fishing Foundation supported by SBYC and Vic-Vic Villavicencio of the Triple-V Group. The full-house fishfest also marks the 2002 Annual SFFP National Fishing Championship of the Sport Fishing Federation of the Philippines, headed by Villavicencio. Aside from PGFF, competing are top anglers of the Lucena Anglers Club, B.A.S.S. Philippines, Cavite Anglers Club, Dagupan Anglers Club, Pampanga Sportfishing Association and Iloilo Club and the Media Anglers Club.

Parnevik sets pace

PACIFIC PALISADES, California— Sweden's Jesper Parnevik carded two eagles on the way to an opening six-under-par 65 to take a one-shot lead at the $3.7 million Nissan Open on Thursday. Parnevik started his round with an eagle three at the first and also had an eagle two at the 10th, four birdies and two bogeys to edge one stroke ahead of Billy Andrade, David Peoples, Jose Maria Olazabal of Spain and Japan's Toru Taniguchi. David Duval, Brad Faxon, Bob Tway, Tommy Armour and Mexico's Esteban Toledo were a further shot adrift on 67 at the Riviera Golf and Country Club course. U.S. PGA Tour leading money winner Chris DiMarco, Charles Howell, David Sutherland, Scott Hoch, Michael Clark, Steve Lowery and Britain's Luke Donald were all on 68.

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Jamili returns vs Nagal

FORMER World Boxing Organization strawweight champion Eric Jamili returns after more than a year of absence when he battles Alfred Nagal in a non-title 8-round bout in the minimumweight division on Feb. 17 at the Elorde Sports Complex in Parañaque City. The Jamili-Nagal brawl is a supporting event in the Junie Coma-Roy Tarazona mainer in the flyweight division. The event is presented by Gabriel Elorde.

SPORTS ON TV

Compiled by Lorenzo Manguiat

BASKETBALL: NBA Inside Stuff at 7:30 a.m. (r—6 p.m.) on Star Sports
NBA - Utah Jazz vs Toronto Raptors at 8 a.m. (r—6:30 p.m.) on Star Sports and Utah Jazz vs Philadelphia 76ers at 2:30 p.m. (r) on ESPN
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BAYNO OR NO BAYNO

Talk N Text suspense ends today

NARVASA

Games Today (Araneta Coliseum)
4p.m.—Purefoods vs Talk N Text
6p.m.—Sta. Lucia vs Hapee-RP Team

By June Navarro

THE SUSPENSE of designating American Bill Bayno as Talk N Text head coach will finally come to an end as the Phone Pals begin their PBA Samsung Governors Cup campaign today against the Purefoods Hotdogs at the Araneta Coliseum.

Bayno reportedly got a clearance from the Bureau of Immigration and Deportation to supplement the Games and Amusements Board permit the 40-year-old former University of Las Vegas-Nevada coach secured the other day.

These documents, a PBA insider said, would be enough to give Bayno the green light to take over the headcoaching job at Talk N Text.

But he cautioned that a Department of Labor permit would also be necessary since Bayno's BID clearance is only good for three months.

Talk N Text team manager Frankie Lim said the DOLE permit would come anytime but declined to confirm if Bayno would map out the game plan of the Phone Pals today.

Instead, Lim hinted that assistant coaches Ariel Vanguardia and Aric Del Rosario might call the shots for the Phone Pals.

Reinforced by imports Richard Frahm and Jerald Honeycutt, the Phone Pals meet the Hotdogs at 4 p.m. It will serve as an appetizer to the Sta. Lucia Realty-Hapee RP Team collision scheduled at 6 p.m.

Davonn Harp, Danny Ildefonso, Danny and Andy Seigle, Marlou Aquino, Rudy Hatfield and Mick Pennisi will banner Hapee RP Team.

Alaska prevails

RODNEY Santos sparkled in the stretch as Alaska beat Barangay Ginebra, 68-63, last night in a PBA Samsung Governors Cup out-of-town game in Malolos, Bulacan.

Filling the void left by Kenneth Duremdes and Ali Peek, the 6-foot-2 Santos scored seven decisive points in the last two minutes to lead the Aces to victory while frustrating the Kings on their debut. The Aces loaned Duremdes and Peek to the Selecta RP Team.

ALASKA 68—Riley 20, Arigo 12, Santos 12, Dobbins 11, Allado 4, Lastimosa 4, Gahol 3, Noble 2, Wallkvist 0.
GINEBRA 63—Wells 17, Meneses 11, Caguioa 11, Magtulis 8, Malabanan 6, Gee 5, David 5, Ong 0, Helterbrand 0.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

TODAY in 1992, Triple V beat Sta. Lucia Realty, 81-67, to win the PBL Philippine Cup at the Ninoy Aquino Stadium. Also today in 1993, Mario Castro timed 50 minutes, 14.50 seconds to capture the 1993 Valley Runners-Sta. Lucia 10-Miler in Cainta, Rizal.

BAP transfers National Intercollegiate to Roxas

By Marc Anthony Reyes

THE BASKETBALL Association of the Philippines has decided to move the venue of this year's national intercollegiate basketball championships from Ormoc City to Roxas City after a dispute between BAP officials and local government leaders.

But the annual tournament pitting young cage upstarts will push through on its original date, Feb. 24 to March 1.

BAP president Tiny Literal yesterday confirmed the change of venue, while denying that he had promised the local government of Ormoc City P1 million assistance for hosting the 56th edition of the championship.

"There was never any instance in BAP history that we gave P1 million to a region just to stage the intercollegiate," said Literal. "The most we gave to our regional counterparts is P300,000."

"Despite the limited time, we were able to find a new venue" said BAP secretary general Graham Lim. "We discussed the hosting of the event with regional BAP officials and not with local government."

Locsin can't be reached for comment.

Literal said Ormoc made a bid for the event on a P500,000 seed money assured by Gov. Isagani Amatong, but the reported P1 million pledge, as claimed by Ormoc City Mayor Carmelo Locsin, never really took place.

Literal initially asked the date to be moved, but opted for a venue transfer later after finding out that it will ruin the BAP's calendar of events because the Southeast Asian Games Basketball Association championship will be held March 10-14.

9-Ball Family Billiards resumes

THE REGULAR edition of the monthly 9-Ball Family Billiards Tourney resumes tomorrow at the National Sports Grill at the 3rd level Greenbelt I, Ayala Center in Makati City.

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The inaugural edition, the 9-Ball Father and Son tournament, was ruled by Gerry and Keith Penas over 20 other teams last June 17. They won P10,000.

The second monthly tournament held last July 22 produced father and daughter winners—Roberto and Rubilen Amit. They also won P10,000 worth of gift certificates from Mossimo and NSG.

Media tourney

THE INAUGURAL 9-ball Media Invitational tournament unwraps on Feb. 21 at the Cues and Spirits Karaoke Bar and Billiards located at Edsa, corner Timog Avenue, Quezon City.

Orlan Mauricio, president of the organizing Bulacan PNP Press Corps, said the event will promote camaraderie among newsmen.

To ensure that "hustlers" will not be able to invade the game, Mauricio said that the "No Press ID, No entry" will be strictly implemented.

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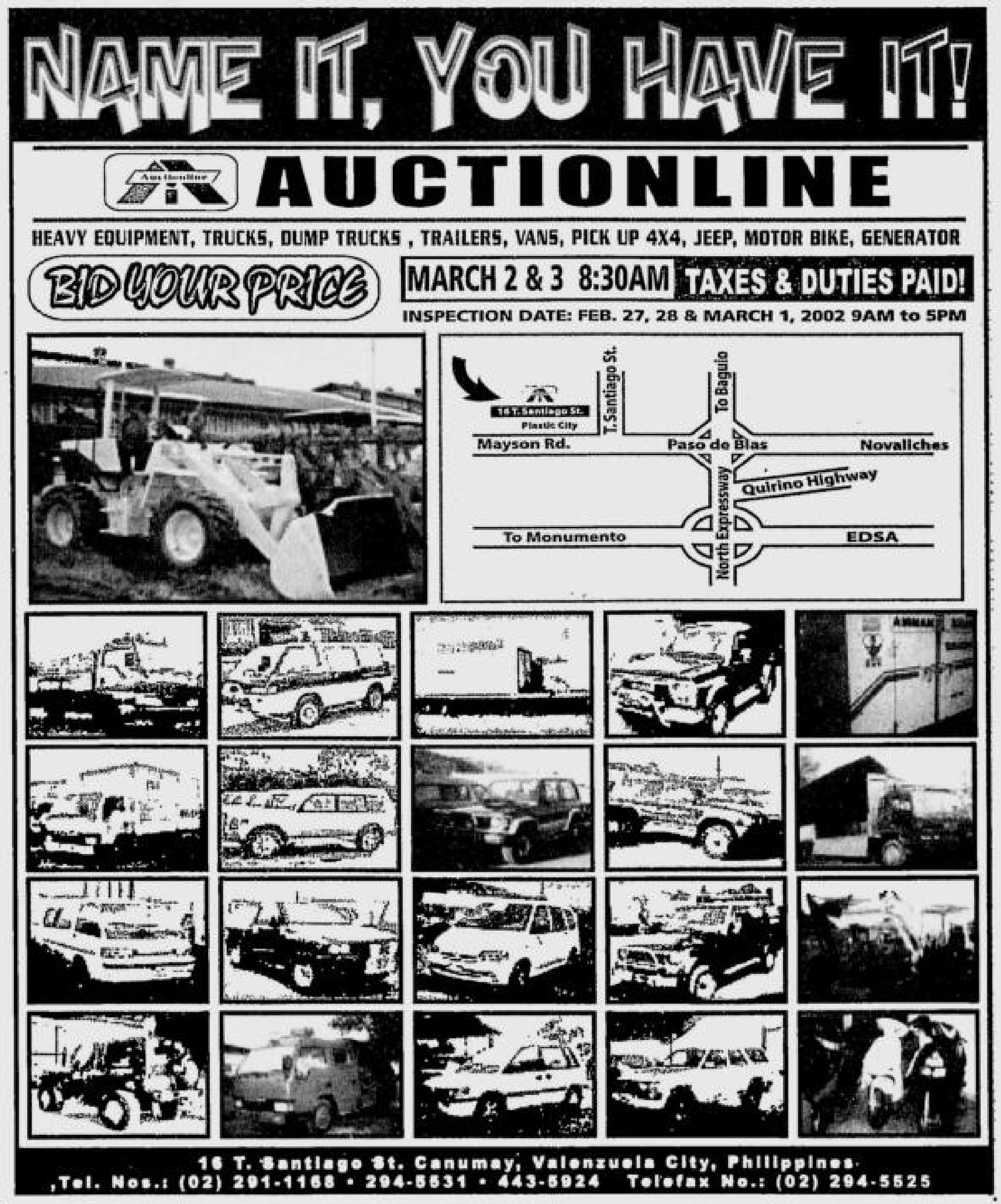
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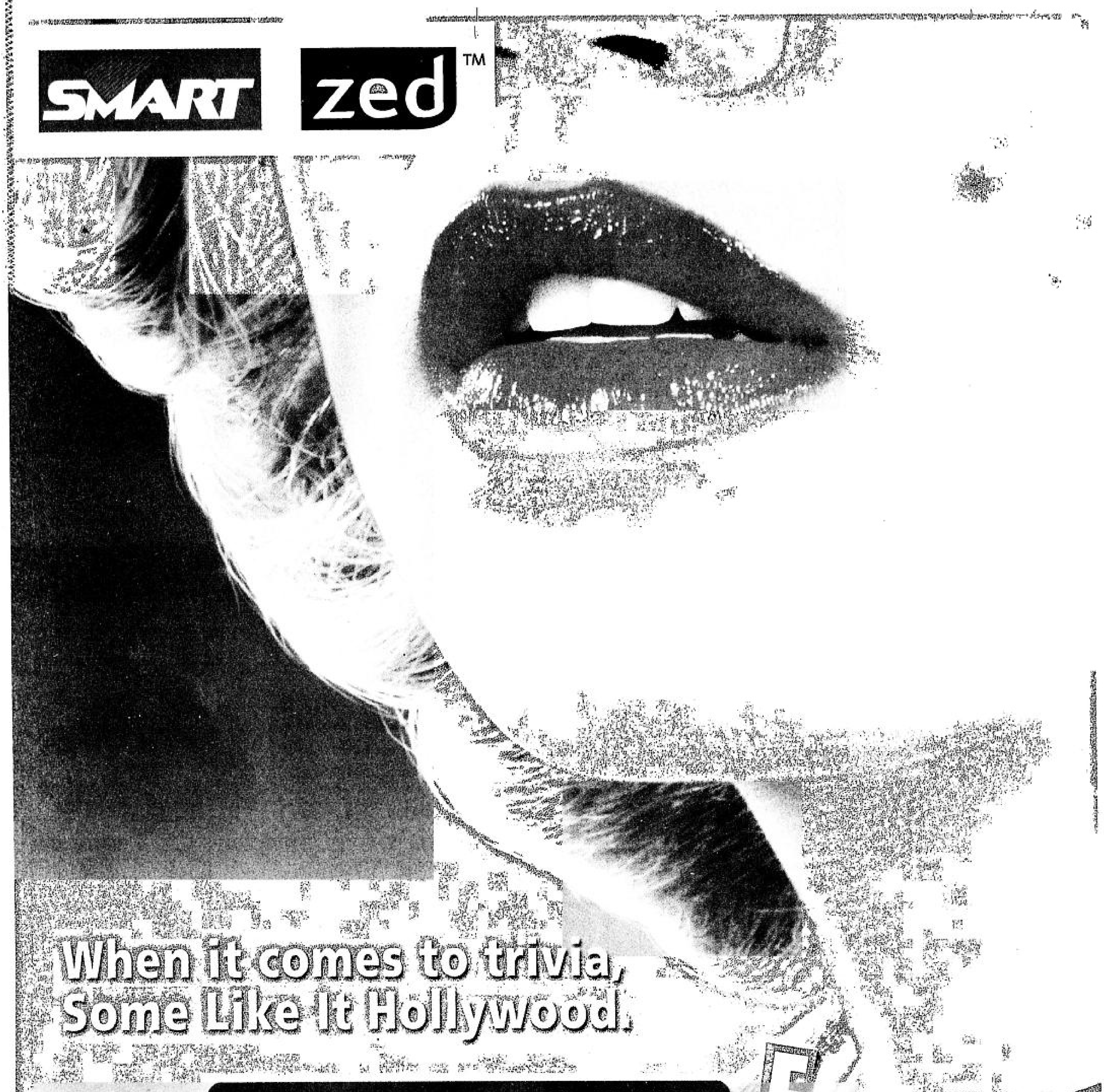

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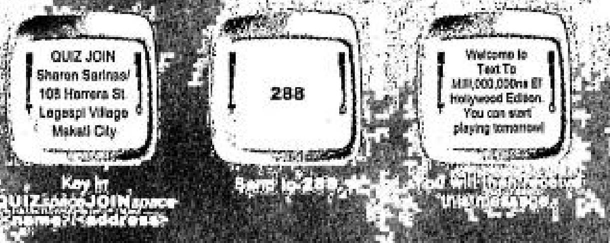

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Mayors want May polls

By Christian V. Esguerra

METRO Manila mayors favor the holding of the youth and barangay elections in May, but they won't allow the poll funds to be taken from their internal revenue allotment (IRA).

In a meeting in Quezon City yesterday, the League of Metro Manila Mayors unanimously decided to draft a resolution urging Congress to finally give the go-signal for the holding of the elections in May.

"There's an overwhelming support for the position among the mayors," said Pasay Mayor Wenceslao Trinidad, the group's spokesperson.

"The law says that the elections should be held in May and the law should be followed," he said.

But he also said the mayors would not allow the Commission on Elections to slice 10 percent from the IRA of each of the Metro Manila towns and cities to raise funds for the barangay and Sanggunian Kabataan elections.

The IRA, which is allocated to local governments from the national budget, should be purely for development projects, Trinidad pointed out.

Several congressmen, citing lack of funds, earlier proposed that the elections be moved to 2004.

The Comelec suggested that mayors contribute a portion of their IRA to the election fund. The proposal drew howls of protests from the mayors, particularly from Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay.

"The supposed lack of funds is a flimsy reason not to hold the elections," Trinidad said. "The Comelec should have foreseen the problem. But we know Congress will be able to allot a budget for the elections."

Trinidad said he and other mayors are wary that "people would lose their trust in the government" if the elections were postponed.

"How can we prove that our democracy works if we would postpone elections simply because of lack of funds?" he said. "Elections, in the first place, are the essence of democracy."

Free health care for Manila poor

By Jerome Aning

SOME 18,000 families belonging to the "poorest of the poor" will now receive free health benefits after the Manila city government and the Philippine Health Insurance Corp. signed a memorandum of agreement that grants recipients up to 45 days free hospitalization per year.

Manila Mayor Lito Atienza and Philhealth president and chief executive director Dr. Francisco Dugue III signed the MOA during simple rites at City Hall yesterday.

About 3,000 households in each of the city's six districts, or approximately 10.8 million beneficiaries, will be entitled to free medical benefits that also include free medicine, treatment, diagnostic and laboratory services, room and board, surgical procedures. The free 45-day hospitalization is for both public and private hospitals in Manila.

Called "Medicare para sa Masa," the project will also cater to out-patients, who can avail themselves of free medical treatment at health centers.

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FREE HEALTH/ A20

For P1M, prove Alma and 'young lover' know each other, says Joey

By Leah Salterio

MARQUEZ

WHO wants to be a millionaire? Parañaque Mayor Joey Marquez may be able to make you one.

Marquez yesterday said he is willing to offer a P1-million cash reward to anyone who can prove that his estranged wife, Alma Moreno, and her rumored boyfriend, Julian Say of Cebu, really know each other.

Marquez said he will offer another P1 million to anyone who can prove that he has a child with actress Sharmaine Arnaiz. Moreno reportedly has accused him of siring a child with the other actress.

Marquez was apparently not convinced even after Moreno and Say, in separate TV interviews, denied they know each other.

"I have been getting so many stories that they were seen together a number of times," Marquez told the Inquirer. "But both of them have denied it, so I am challenging people to prove to me that they know each other."

Reports have also reached Marquez that Moreno bought a house for Say at the San Antonio Townhomes in Barangay Apas, near the

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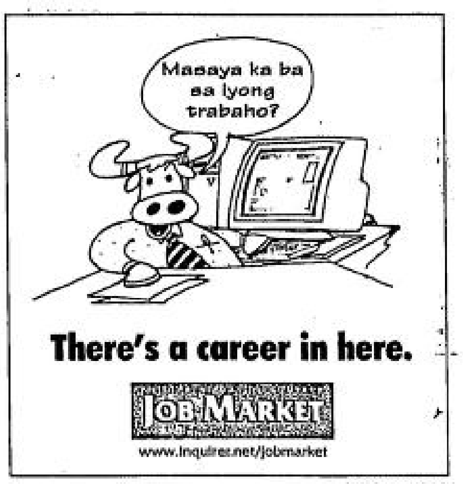

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PNP-CIDG takes over sisters' slay probe

By Nelson F. Flores

AMID speculation of a whitewash, Antipolo City police authorities turned over the investigation of the killing and rape of the Bailon sisters to the Philippine National Police Criminal Investigation and Detection Group.

Supt. Jose Dayco, Antipolo City police station chief, said the case was turned over to the PNP-CIDG because it is better equipped to handle the investigation. He also denied that there was an attempt to whitewash the investigation.

"They (the CIDG) have the proper training and equipment for this kind of case," Dayco said.

But sources, who are in contact with the Bailon family, said the investigation of the case was transferred to the CIDG upon the request of the family who fears that the Antipolo City police is not doing enough to solve the case.

The family was disturbed when it learned from concerned policemen that a number of those involved in the killing were informants of the Antipolo City police, the source said.

Members of the Bailon family were also confused why criminal charges have yet to be filed against two suspects, Jovito Guray and Roger Benavende, who have been in police custody since last Sunday, the source added. The family, the source said, has taken this to be a sign of a whitewash.

But Dayco denied there is an effort to "sweep the case under the rug." He stressed that it was the failure of the PNP Crime Laboratory to release its forensic findings on the crime scene that has prevented his men from filing charges against Guray and Benavende.

Dayco said that up to now, they still could not determine whether the sisters were actually raped in the absence of the test results.

"Although there are indications that the victims were raped, we cannot say so with finality and that is also the reason why we are taking time in filing the appropriate charges against the suspects," Dayco explained.

But he stressed that he is not blaming the PNP-CL. He also denied that the suspects were police assets.

Earlier, Rizal Provincial Office director Supt. Arturo Tolentino told the INQUIRER that his office has received reports that some of the suspects were police informants and observed that Dayco was "unnaturally cautious" in the investigation.

"I think his men are giving him the runaround because they know some of the people involved in the crime," Tolentino said.

He said the public was getting impatient with the slow pace of the investigation. He said he has received a number of angry calls in connection with the Bailon case.

Dioscoro Bailon, the father of the slain sisters, urged witnesses, which include a 14-year-old girl, to come out in the open and help lawmen in their investigation.

"They (the police) are too slow," he said in an earlier interview.

Guray surrendered to Albay Rep. Joey Salceda early this week after learning that police were seeking him in connection with the case. Benavende was arrested last Monday in his hideout in Rapu Rapu Island, Tabaco, Albay.

Both denied participation in the crime even after they were told witnesses identified them as among a group of men seen leaving the Bailon house in Sitio Dalig Uno, Barangay Dalig before the bodies of the sisters were found, Dayco said.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Saturday, February 16, 2002
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1st Reading: **Is 58:9-14**
Gospel: **Lk 5:27-32**

Jesus noticed a tax collector named Levi sitting in the tax-office, he said to him, "Follow me." So Levi, leaving everything, got up and followed Jesus.

Levi gave a great feast for Jesus, and many tax collectors came to his house and took their place at table with the other people. Then the Pharisees and their fellow teachers complained to Jesus' disciples, "How is it that you eat and drink with tax collectors and other sinners?" But Jesus spoke up, "Healthy people don't need a doctor, but sick people do. I have come to call to repentance; I call sinners, not the righteous."

Commentary

Sometimes the hardest thing to sustain is a sense of hope. Corruption, greed, inefficiency, degradation of the environment, poverty, violence...can we contribute to changing these things?

Without hope, no energy for action. Without action, no change. Without change, no hope.

Jesus Christ can empower us with the hope that gives energy for action. Jesus saw Levi, caught up in the unjust system, exploiting other people just to make a living. And Jesus called him: "Follow me." We're caught up in the unjust system too, part of it, paying the minimum wage to employees, knowing we couldn't survive on that ourselves. Yet, Jesus offers us the hand of friendship. Because we're sick. And underneath, Isaiah's call to change unjust structures continues to echo: "Remove the clenched fist and the wicked word.... give relief to the oppressed... God will make you as a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail."

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Matibag snubs NBI

By Blanche S. Rivera

FORMER Commission on Elections director Angelina Matibag, who is being suspected as the mastermind in the killing of another Comelec official, yesterday snubbed the "invitation" by the National Bureau of Investigation.

Matibag, who earlier expressed willingness to cooperate in the investigation, said the NBI had no right to compel her to appear before the police or any investigating body without a court order.

She sent instead her lawyers to submit the statement they prepared in answer to the NBI's query into her alleged involvement in the killing of Comelec information chief Velma Cinco last November.

"Why will they require me to go there?" Matibag told the INQUIRER in a phone interview yesterday. "They have no power to do that."

Matibag's battery of lawyers includes a former justice and the president of the lawyers' group Circulo de Abogada and five others who have volunteered their services.

The Comelec director, who was dismissed from the service late last year for refusing to report to her new assignment, said she was still receiving threats to her life.

Matibag was a very vocal critic of Cinco, who replaced her as head of the Comelec education and information department when chair Alfredo Benipayo took over.

St. Mary's alumni affair

ST. MARY'S Academy Caloocan City, formerly Our Lady of Grace Academy, will hold a whole-day alumni family affair with the theme "Balik Olga Para Korek Ka! St. Mary's na Siya" on Sunday, Feb. 24.

The grand homecoming for alumni and their families will have an open-house theme to enable alumni and guests to view the school's facilities.

It will also feature Dr. Alexa Abrenica speaking on "Coping with Menopause" and Ms Rina Jimenez-David on "Working Toward Eliminating Violence Against Women." An alumni program takes place at 3 p.m. sponsored by the silver jubilarians (Batch '77) and hosted by Ms Luchi Cruz-Valdez. Call alumni coordinator Jean Mostrales at 334-2841.

Feb. 14 not hot enough for some Metro motels

By Nelson F. Flores

VALENTINE'S Day last Thursday failed to bring the expected increase in the number of motel guests in Pasig and Marikina cities in eastern Metro Manila, according to motel supervisors.

The motel supervisors said that despite their Valentine's Day promo and other incentives, they failed to lure many couples to their establishments.

"Maybe it is because of the economic crisis," said telephone operator Maan Perez of Granpolo Garden.

Perez said only about 60 couples checked in the whole day Thursday. She said that number was very low compared to the number they had two or three years ago.

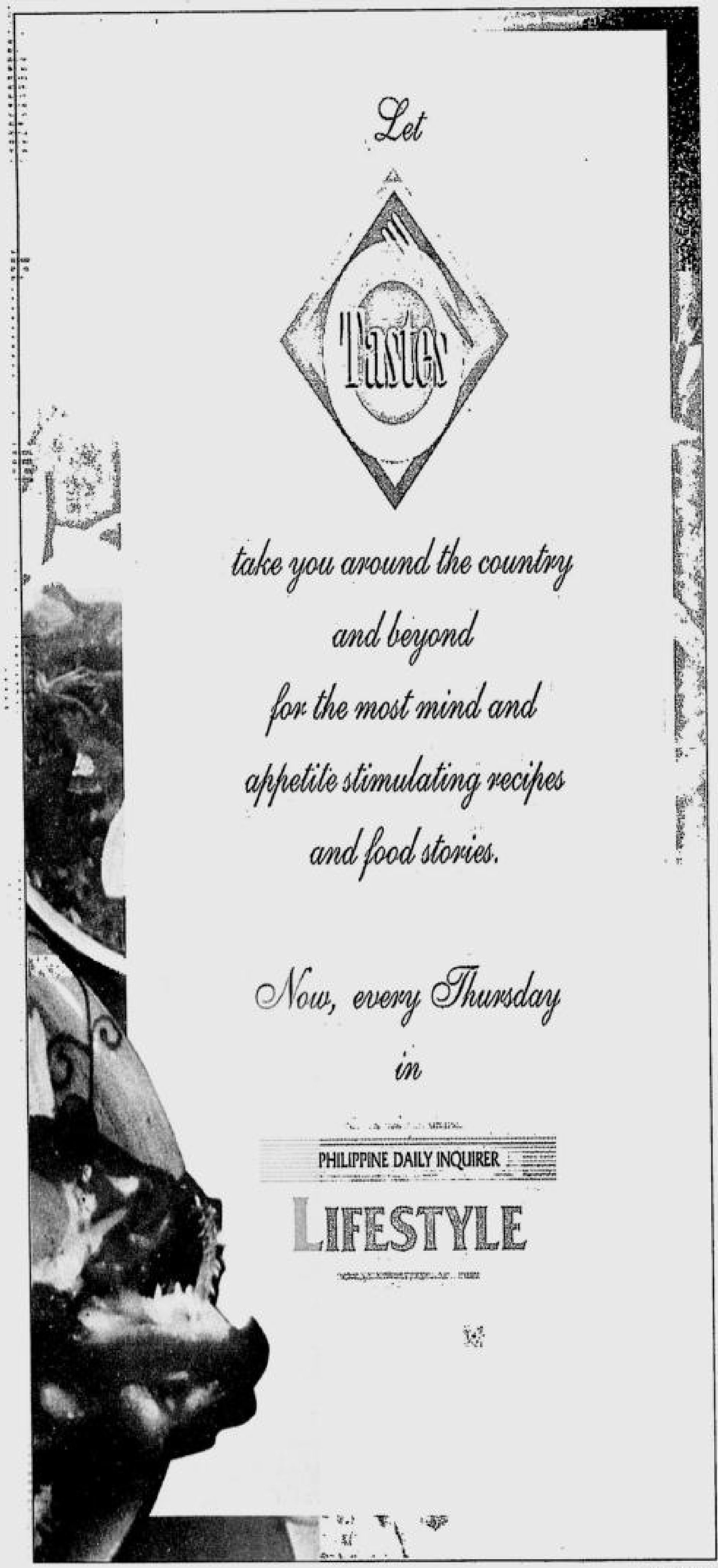
Jory Roa, Dahlia supervisor, said only about 200 couples checked in on Valentine's Day, a number that was quite low.

"We used to have more than 300 couples on Valentine's Day," Roa said.

But he said Dahlia expected to have more clients yesterday.

Mariposa Lodge bookkeeper Grace de la Cruz said Valentine's Day falling on a Thursday could be a factor in the low turnout. She said Mariposa had only about 150 couples Thursday.

But like Dahlia, Mariposa also expected more clients yesterday, she added.



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That Asiatrust controversy

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo

THE NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation has arrested a former top official of a prominent insurance company who allegedly connived with a syndicate and the offices of a bank in filing fraudulent insurance claims.

Linda Ramones, dismissed vice president of Fortune Insurance and Guarantee, reportedly operated inside her insurance company to make fraudulent claims for the syndicate and for Asiatrust Bank.

Fortune and other insurance companies reportedly fell victim to the syndicate which filled fraudulent motor accident claims by bloating the amount of damage on an ill-fated car. Some officers at Asiatrust reportedly cashed the checks from the insurance company even if they did not have the endorsement signatures of the claimants.

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Mabuti pa ang NBI, *mabilis kumilos.*

In contrast, investigators at the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas department of thrift banks and non-bank financial institutions, thrift banks department for short, seem to be dragging their feet in the administrative case filed against Asiatrust by Fortune Insurance.

In a letter to this writer, Candon B. Guerrero, thrift banks department director, justified the foot-dragging. He said that the complaints against Asiatrust are "best left to the (courts) to decide."

Why should you have the courts decide for you when the case filed with your office is administrative, not criminal?

The one being handled by the courts against Asiatrust is different from that filed with your office. Or can't you distinguish between an administrative and a criminal complaint?

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For the information of Guerrero, there are two facets, nay, three facets to a complaint: criminal, civil and administrative. For example, a policeman charged with murder can be slapped separate criminal and civil cases in court, and another case, administrative, with his superiors at the Philippine National Police (PNP).

All those cases can be filed or investigated at the same time without prejudice to one or the other.

Why? Because criminal, civil and administrative cases are entirely different from one another even if there is only one case.

Let the court handle and decide on the criminal (and civil) aspect of the case against Asiatrust, Director Guevarra, while you handle the administrative aspect.

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It seems, Director Guevarra, some people at the Bangko Sentral are protecting Asiatrust which is involved in other irregularities.

Let me have you read a letter I received from Severino Liwag Dayao of 48 Shorthorn, Toro Hills, Quezon City, about Asiatrust.

Dayao, a 67-year-old lawyer, said Asiatrust lost his lifetime savings he deposited with the bank.

Here's his letter in toto:

Messrs Ramon Tulfo and Victor C. Agustin
Columnists, Philippine Daily Inquirer Inc.
Chino Roces Avenue, corner Yague and Mascardo Sts.
Makati City

Dear Sirs:

I read a response entitled, "Bank case now sub judice," by Ms Cora A. Malilin, first vice president, Asiatrust Bldg., Quezon Avenue, Quezon City, published in the Feb. 2 (Saturday), 2002 issue of the Philippine Daily Inquirer. (Please see attached, a Xerox clipping copy of the same for ready reference).

I have, myself, been a victim of Asiatrust Bank, Roosevelt Avenue branch, Quezon City.

I have long wanted to go public on this until I read the above-cited response. I realized that I am not the lone victim. I am, therefore, convinced that Asiatrust Bank must now be exposed in public, since the Banko (sic) Sentral of the Philippines (sic), it seems, cannot be of help to us.

I have (sic) a savings account with Asiatrust Bank, Roosevelt Avenue Branch, Quezon City. Without my written nor verbal consent, an amount of more than two hundred thousand (P200,000) pesos was transferred from my account to another person's account. I lost my lifetime savings. I am 67 years old and with the Asiatrust Bank's resorting to legally available technicalities, the case which I have filed two years ago at the Quezon City Regional Trial Court for the restoration of my deposit, plus damages, does not find early resolution.

In the name of "due process," even the Honorable Court cannot proceed with the trial stage. After two years from filing, the case is still pending at the pre-trial stage.

Meantime, without delving into the merits of the case, the only consolation that I can get is to resort to the media and go public.

Please expose this for whatever purpose it may serve the transacting public.

Respectfully yours,
(Signed)
Severino L. Dayao

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***O, anong masasabi mo,* Mr. Guevarra, *sa sulat ni* Mr. Dayao? *Tinagalog ko na po ang tanong kay* Mr. Guevarra because he can't seem to distinguish between the administrative and criminal aspects of a case.**

For P1M, prove Alma . . .

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Waterfront Hotel in Lahug City, Cebu.

It was at the Waterfront Lahug where Moreno first did her Cebu concert in year 2000, when she reportedly met Say while promoting her show on radio.

Say, 31, is a radio executive and DJ at the NBC in Cebu City.

Moreno also reportedly bought a car for Say from Honda Alabang and used the checkbook of one of her aides for the payment.

But Moreno denied on TV that she had bought a house for anyone. "I haven't even bought a house for my mother, why will I buy a house for a guy," she said.

A source close to the former couple told the INQUIRER that Moreno was seen in Cebu on June 1, 2001, the day before she left for the United States to join Marquez for a vacation after last year's elections.

Moreno, accompanied by three aides, reportedly took the first Philippine Airlines flight to Cebu from Manila. She is said to have spent the night in a rented house in Cebu.

The next morning, she took the first Manila-bound flight from Cebu so she could take her evening flight to the United States.

Marquez announced the breakup of his marriage to Moreno late last month. Their children Yeoj, Win-Win, VJ, and an adopted child, Em-Em, are all staying with Marquez.

Early this month, Marquez went to the United States to file for divorce. He and Moreno were married in Las Vegas in 1989.

Marquez will also seek the annulment of their 1995 church wedding in Manila.

Free health care for Manila poor

From page A19

pegged at P1,088, which will be shared equally by City Hall and Philhealth. The city government will receive P300 per policy per annum to use for health facilities and services and purchase of equipment.

"Although all Manila residents are entitled to free health services in city-owned hospitals, we want to give the poorest of the poor families in our city additional health security so we can ensure that they get the best medical treatment," Atienza said.

He said that if the program covering the initial 18,000 families were successful, the city government would include more beneficiaries.

To identify the initial 18,000 beneficiaries, a team from the Manila department of social welfare, the city health department, NGO secretariat and the Kababaihan ng Maynila will conduct a comprehensive survey.

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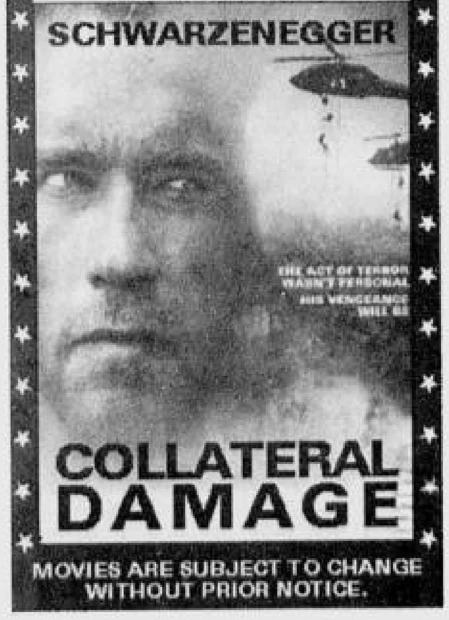

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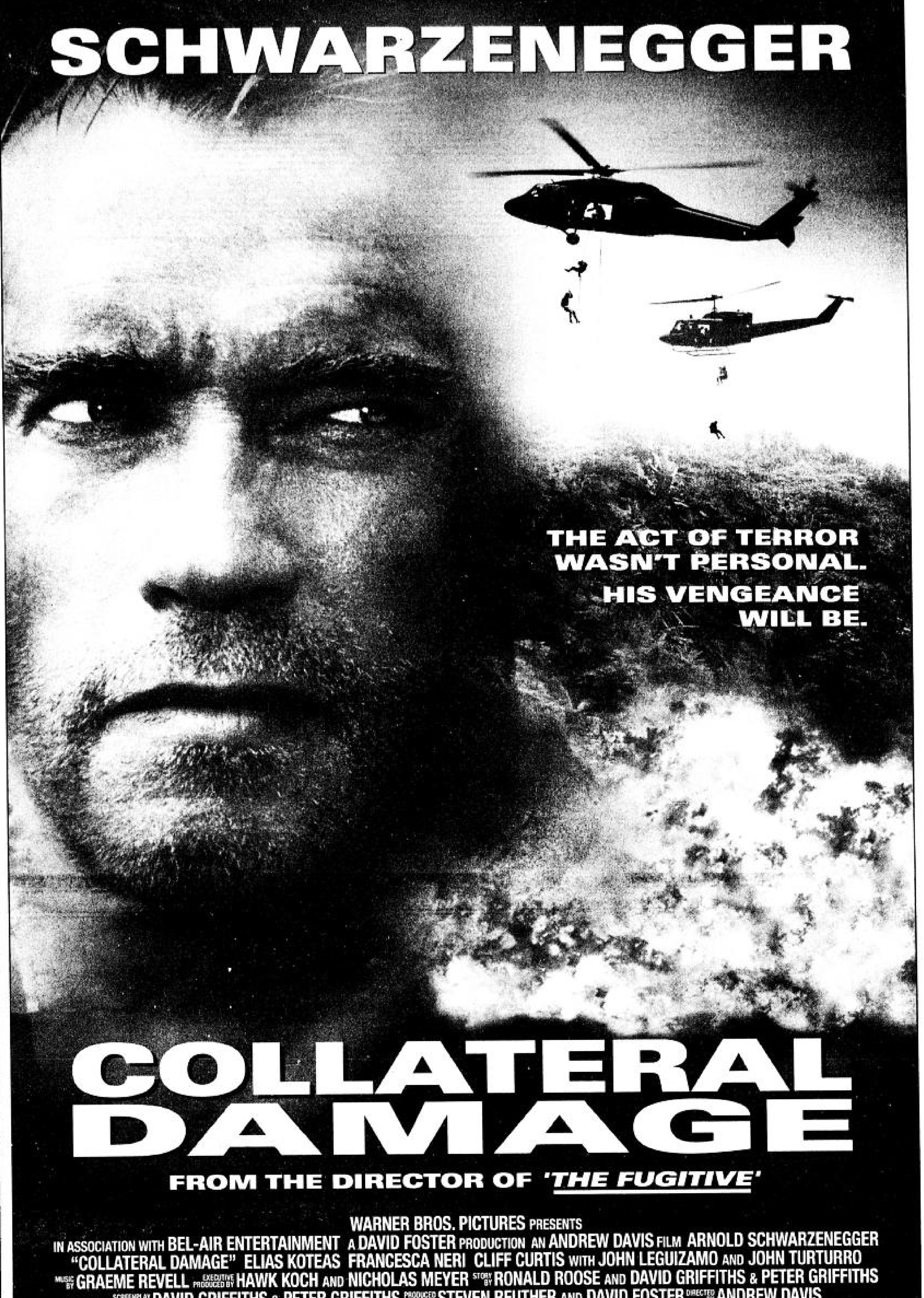
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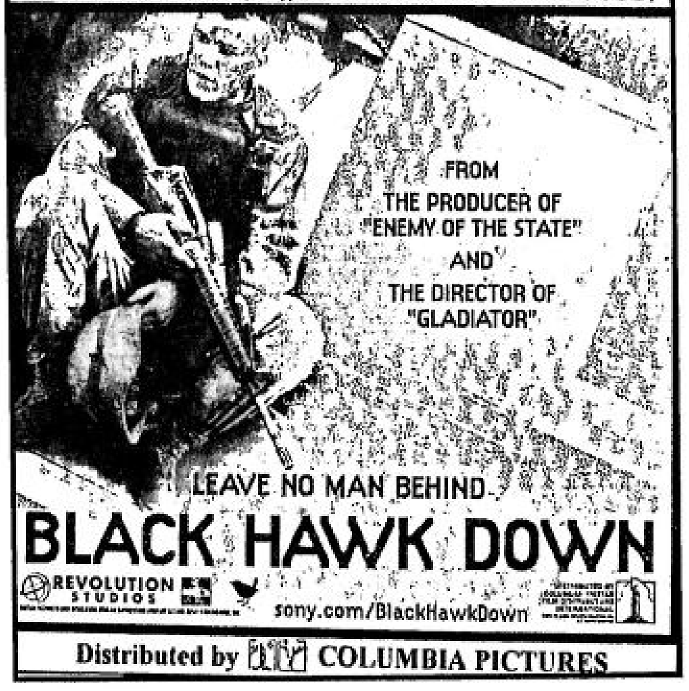
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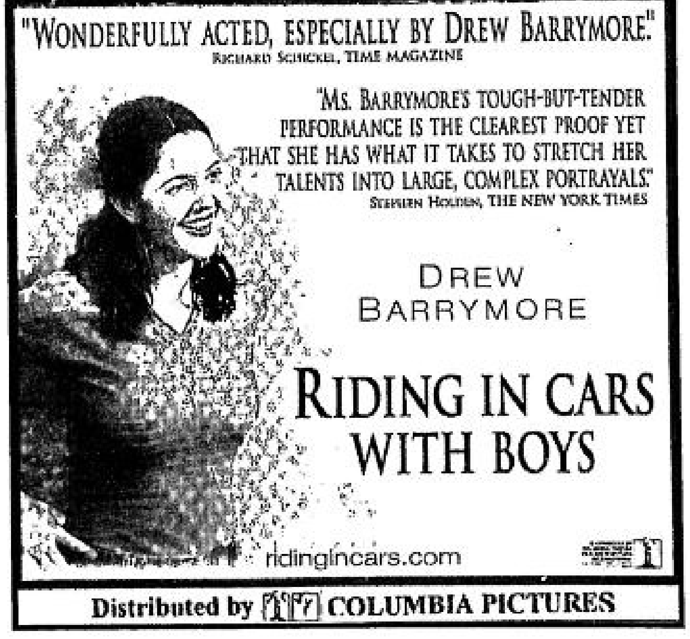
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Sunsets in Manila Bay on Roxas Boulevard serve as a spectacular backdrop for passersby, the homeless and the vendors—all part of the scenery.
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A young girl gets a taste of nourishment from Mandaluyong City Mayor Benhur Abalos during the city's Alay Puso in Hardin ng Pag-asa, Welfareville compound, made possible with help from the business community and the United Nations Children's Fund.

A new era dawns in QC barangay

Joey C. Papa and Ana Ver-Papa
(Contributors)

A SMALL community off Commonwealth Avenue in Quezon City has become an eco-tour stop owing to its ecological center that an energetic practitioner of zero waste management has put up almost a decade ago.

Today, Barangay New Era is set to build a P1-million, two-story Ecological Center to replace its small and worn-out eco shed.

Manang Luz Sabas, a long-time practitioner of zero waste management, started her project in the barangay in 1993. While residents were initially lukewarm about her idea, they soon warmed up to the concept, which was supported by the enthusiasm of former barangay captain Prudencio Medrano and former council member Dr. Corazon Bolus, who is now barangay captain.

Alay Linis Day

The barangay received a shredding machine from the Zero Waste Recycling Movement and the basic tools for sorting, segregation, and composting in 1994, and launched the following year its Alay Linis Day.

Two years later, the government through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, took notice and tapped the World Bank-Brown Fund to support the Centralinis Project that included Barangay New Era (on Central Avenue) and nearby UP Diliman. The start-up funds covered three to four months for the material expenses and salaries of the personnel.

Four Es

Manang Luz saw to it that the project would be undertaken under the Zero Waste Recycling Movement of the Philippines, Foundation Inc., and—more important—that it would be carried out along her Four Es concept or her "People Empowerment Formula for Sustained and Sustainable Projects."

The Four Es refer to Education, using all media; Engineering, to provide support mechanisms and resources, both human and material; Enforcement Strategies, which provide for incentives (carrot) and legal measures (stick) to ensure implementation; and Entrepreneurship Development.

Education initially included an orientation session for the leaders of the community, including those from government, the professionals, the religious and civic organizations, the school, the non-government organizations, the business community, said Manang Luz. Initial training followed for the potential Eco-Manager, Eco-Center officer, trainers, coordinators, monitors, and technicians (eco-aid, bio-man/collectors, composters, re-sorters) who volunteered or were designated.

An Eco-Demo Center was prepared, which was initially the old Sabas home that also served as the Ecohaus of the Zero Waste Recycling Movement and the demo center.

Engineering involved organizing and appointing those who will operate the Eco-Center; and gathering the material resources, such as the sorters for biodegradable and non-biodegradable items for each household; and the home composters such as tires, pits, sacks, pots, heaps, plots.

For the buying and collection system, an eco-aide *kariton* was fashioned, complete with compartments for clean and empty cans, bottles, paper, cartons, plastic, toxics like batteries, broken glass, etc. A weighing scale went with this *kariton*. Each household was provided a price list for these items that they were ready to sell when the eco-aide came to collect. The eco-center beside the barangay hall provided storage for the collection in a safe, orderly, and segregated manner. Buyers from the marketing network and outlets earlier established by the group would then come and buy the items.

Enforcement ensured that the system was known, understood, and accepted by the residents. Households were provided with an instructional sheet of paper, properly received and signed, which contained dates of collection, rules to be followed. Basically, the eco-aide would receive all the non-biodegradable items as long as these were clean and dry). A file of the signatories was kept for record.

Eco-tours

For incentives, the items collected could be directly bartered with goods such as school supplies and groceries; or qualify for coupons entitling the holders to buy goods in the cooperative or a designated store; or for raffle tickets for a tour or other major prizes. As part of sanctions, dirty items were not collected. Measures were instituted in the form of reminders, reprimands, reporting, fines, and other "penalties."

To encourage entrepreneurship, training was provided on the recycling of waste materials for livelihood projects. Seed money and marketing outlets were provided.

A group delegation from Vietnam was the most recent visitor of the eco-center. Many other groups come to visit, and former residents bring with them the practice to their new communities.

The eco officers have trained other groups and barangays.

The shredder given by the Zero Waste Recycling Movement is still intact for compost making, although very little is now collected by the bio-man because most of the homes make their own compost from their kitchen and other bio-waste. They also grow their own vegetable and ornamental gardens. Two drums of feed materials are collected for the piggery project of Josie Vargas and her companions, initially, the street sweeper, eco-aide, and bio-man. When the money from the Brown Fund stopped coming, they volunteered to continue operating the center, and were given the proceeds from the sale of the non-biodegradable items.

Today, they have grown into a group of seven and receive regular pay from the barangay's allocation from the Quezon City government's Clean and Green Fund. The net proceeds from the operations also accrue to this group.

"The scheme has been sustained all these years because all the stakeholders are involved and also benefit from the project," said Manang Luz. "These include every homeowner and resident, every employee, the institutions within the barangay which has a university, a hospital, offices, elementary and high schools."

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Kuratong gang man ambushed

By Philip C. Tubeza

GUNMEN ambushed Misamis Occidental provincial board member and former leader of the dreaded Kuratong Baleleng gang, Renato Parojinog, in downtown Manila yesterday afternoon.

At least two gunmen shot and killed the victim while he was on board a taxi at the corner of Maria Orosa Street and UN Avenue in Manila, said Supt. Manolo Martinez, Ermita police station chief.

Mango vendor Remedios Cordero, 35, of Intramuros, Manila, and Perlito Agabon, one of Parojinog's aides, were also hit during the attack, Martinez said.

Emmanuel Roa, 39, one of Parojinog's aides, emerged unscathed from the ambush, Martinez said.

Parojino died about 5:30 p.m. at the Manila Doctors' Hospital. Agabon is reported to be in critical condition, while Cordero is now out of harm's way, according to Dr. Rex Mendoza of Manila Doctors' Hospital.

Parking attendant Joel Pineda, 42, described one of the assailants as about 5-foot-2, of slim build, and clad in short pants

Both gunmen were armed with .45-caliber pistols, Pineda told police.

Martinez said Parojinog was on his way to attend a seminar in Manila when he was attacked about 3:30 p.m. on the corner of Maria Orosa and UN Avenue, in front of the McDonald's fast food outlet.

The victim and his companions, who are staying at the Corporate Inn Hotel on Kalaw and Maria Orosa streets, boarded a Cedielyn Taxi (PWR-925) to go to nearby Robinson's Place Mall.

One of the gunmen opened fire on Parojinog, who was seated at the back seat, and hit him in his upper right chest, when the taxi got stuck in traffic police said.

The victim's security aides quickly got out of the taxi and fired on the assailant. A five-minute firefight ensued before the gunman fled toward Roxas Boulevard.

Roa said Parojinog's third security aide was hit in the abdomen when he went after the gunmen.

Renato, 42, is the brother of Ozamiz City Mayor Reynaldo Parojinog.

Their father, Octavio, took over leadership of the Kuratong Baleleng in the late 1980s, succeeding his cousin, Ernesto Acapulco.

Acapulco founded the Kuratong in the 1980s as a vigilante group against Communist rebels in northern Mindanao.

But in the 1990s, the group became notorious as a kidnap and robbery gang operating in Metro Manila. In 1994, the police tagged Reynaldo as the second most wanted man in the country with a P500,000 bounty on his head.

He surrendered to the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines in May 1994. Renato was arrested in Marikina in 1993.

After the defunct Presidential Anti-Crime Commission figured in the infamous rubout of some members of the gang in 1995, the group allegedly changed course and focused its attention on legal activities.

Ombudsman raps 2 BI officials for graft

THE OFFICE of the Ombudsman has filed graft charges against two Bureau of Immigration officials for allegedly allowing 11 Chinese businessmen to forge their fingerprints when they registered with the bureau five years ago.

Ombudsman prosecutor Hilario Favila Jr. said Estanislao Canta, then acting chief of the BI's alien social integration office, and fingerprint operator Victor Baniqued, endangered national security when they failed to detect that the 11 men had a common set of fingerprints.

Favila said Judge Amor Rayes of Manila Regional Trial Court Branch 21 will preside over the case.

According to the rap sheet of the two men, the forging of the applications took place between March 3 to April 3, 1997, when government required all foreigners to register with the immigration bureau under the Alien Social Integration Program.

The records section of the National Bureau of Investigation later checked the immigration records and learned that a twelfth applicant, Zhi Liang, imprinted his fingerprints on the application forms of the 11 suspected Chinese.

Zhi reportedly went to the ASIO on at least five occasions to file the application for his colleagues. It was also found out that the addresses of all the applicants were fictitious or nonexistent.

Canta said that as ASIO acting chief, he had no knowledge and did not have any part in the fingerprinting process.

He said he can not be held liable for the negligence of those under him, and that it is virtually impossible for him to monitor the more than 15,000 applicants.

On his part, Baniqued said another employee "tricked" him into signing the questionable fingerprint charts. *Jerome Aning*

Police revamp in Muntinlupa

By Christian V. Esguerra

A MINOR revamp has shaken the Muntinlupa police as part of the city's drive to flush out rowdy vendors illegally hawking their wares in the Alabang viaduct area.

Senior Insp. Rene Lasola, former chief of the Alabang Police Community Precinct, and his officer SPO3 Ricardo Moral, have been transferred to the police headquarters, Mayor Jaime Fresnedi said on Thursday.

Supt. Avelino Castro replaced Lasola, the mayor announced.

The changing of the guard came just as the local government intensified its campaign to clear the Alabang viaduct area of illegal vendors.

There was a perception that the local police had been "soft" and "negotiable" in implementing the campaign, Fresnedi said.

The revamp, the mayor said, was somehow meant to show vendors that the city government is determined to clean up the area.

Fresnedi said the area is a "hotspot" and that law enforcers can not afford to treat the vendors with kid gloves.

Late last month, a vendor allegedly hurled a grenade in the area to get back at police and members of the Traffic Enforcement and Discipline action team that had been driving away illegal vendors.

Omar Racman, 35, a Marawi City native, was eventually arrested and held responsible for the death of two children and a TED member.

Even before the grenade blast, Fresnedi said armed TED members and police officers had been flushing out vendors on Montillano Extension and nearby areas.

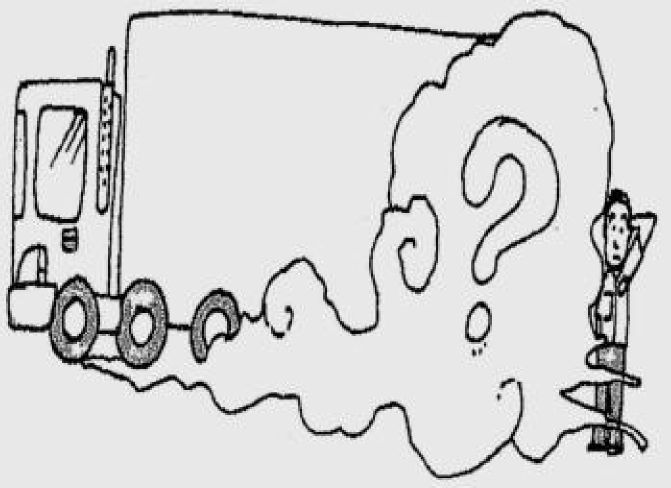
There were reports that, while the TED team was very strict in the drive, policemen were somewhat lenient.

There was a time last year when a team of local police and TED members were surrounded and nearly mobbed by angry vendors, according to Fresnedi.

Since then, Fresnedi said his men have been carrying firearms to drive away the vendors.

Diapers disappear on the highway

By Philip C. Tubeza



RODRIGO Angeles Ignez Jr. lost his 40-foot container van filled with diapers, along with the driver and helper of the truck.

Ignez, of the Rodig Trucking Service, with office on the corner of Antenor and Florida streets, Balagtas, Pamplona I, Las Piñas, told police that he lost his cargo truck, a Nissan Diesel (PTA-673) on Tuesday night, according to a report of the Western Police District Theft and Robbery Section.

The van was hitched to the cargo truck and contained undetermined amount of diapers.

Police said the truck came out of the MICP at the Port Area about 9 p.m. Tuesday.

The truck was on its way to Kimberly Clark Philippines in San Pedro, Laguna, when it disappeared, along with the driver and helper.

Ignez reported the incident on Thursday, when the driver, helper, and the truck still remained missing.

Caloocan City marks 40th foundation day

CALOOCAN City today will celebrate its 40th foundation day and the local government has announced that 10 of the city's most outstanding citizens will be recognized for their exemplary and selfless performance in the field of public service.

Mayor Malonzo will personally honor former councilor Benjamin O. Manlapig (Public Service), Dr. Floria Velasquez (Health), Judge Hermogenes R. Liwag (Law and Judiciary), Mrs. Virma Quito (Women), Supt. Benjardi Mantele (Peace & Order), Dr. Bienvenido Icasenio (Education), Vice Mayor Luis "Tito" Varela (Sports), Mr. Angelo Miguel M. Calabio (Youth), Councilor Dennis D. Baldivia (Entertainment) and Mr. Noel Gonzales (Business).

The awards are given to citizens who have excelled in their respective field of endeavor.

"After devoting years of exemplary services, it is fitting for the city to honor these men and women who have dedicated their lives for the good of the community," Malonzo said.

Maganto charges woman lawyer with libel, perjury suit

By Agnes E. Donato

CHIEF Supt. Romeo Maganto filed libel and perjury charges against a woman lawyer who had accused him of harassing a Chinese kidnapping suspect last December.

The criminal charges were filed on Wednesday against lawyer Emelita Habacon Garayblas, counsel for Shie Shioa Fung, a suspect in a kidnapping case pending before the Manila Regional Trial Court Branch 29.

It all started on Jan. 11 when Garayblas filed a suit against Maganto for grave misconduct, conduct unbecoming of a police officer and abuse of authority, before the Office of the Directorate for Investigation and Detective Services in Camp Crame.

The lawyer claimed Maganto allegedly harassed her client on Dec. 5 at the Bureau of Immigration and Deportation's detention center in Taguig.

Maganto allegedly "harassed, intimidated and personally confronted our client," Garayblas said.

During interrogation, Shie Shiao Fung reportedly told his lawyer through a Chinese interpreter that Maganto "took a picture of him, slapped him on the hand and pushed him against the wall and threatened that he will be deported and prosecuted for his alleged wrongdoings."

Garayblas added that on Dec. 19, Maganto went back to the BID detention center, along with Nang Kong Sze, the father of the alleged kidnap victim, and told Shie Shiao Fung that "he will continue to languish in jail unless he produces the (kidnap victim)."

But in his affidavit, Maganto denied the allegations and described them as "perjurious" and "libelous."

"(Garayblas) has no business filing this complaint against me because she is not the person I allegedly aggrieved but her client, Shie Shiao Fung," Maganto said.

He said Garayblas should not have easily believed her client's claims, as they were all lies.

"Her client has zero credibility and cannot be believed in any way (for he) is now facing trial and prosecution for kidnapping, adultery, falsification of public documents and for being an undesirable alien, subject to summary deportation," Maganto said.

UP law students to represent RP in international contest

THE UNIVERSITY of the Philippines College of Law will represent the Philippines in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition in Washington D.C. beginning March 10.

Law students Carlo Vistan, Ruben Acebedo, Lilibeth Almonte, Rebecca Khan, and Nicholas Ty and faculty coach Rowena Daroy-Morales make up the UP Law team that won the privilege of representing the Philippines by winning in the National Round of the Competition held on Feb. 8 at the Integrated Bar of the Philippines' Pasig office.

This year's case concerns Internet regulation and human rights.

About 70 teams from around the world have advanced to the International Round this year.

The Jessup Competition is the largest and most prestigious tournament for law schools around the world, participated in by 300 law schools in almost 60 nations.

Each match simulates a case before the International Court of Justice, the supreme judicial organ of the United Nations.

The UP Law team has always performed excellently in the Competition. Last year, UP placed third and in 1995 it won the World Championship.

The Jessup Competition was founded in the spring of 1959 by a group of International Law students from Harvard University, Columbia University, and the University of Virginia.

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Drunk kills addict son

By Agnes E. Donato

A DRUNKEN man stabbed dead his own drug-crazed son who tried to beat him up inside their Quezon City residence Wednesday afternoon.

Jose Aydalla, 65, stabbed his son Jose Roy, 37, on the right side of the body.

The son died while being treated at the Quezon City General Hospital.

Police said the younger Aydalla was under the influence of drugs and alcohol when he got home on Carlos Street, Barangay Baesa, Quezon City, about 1 p.m. Wednesday.

Jose Roy reportedly asked for money from his father, who was also drunk. But the old man refused, believing that his son will only spend them on drugs, police said.

An argument ensued between father and son, during which Jose Roy tried to beat up his father.

But the father was able to get hold of a knife and used it to stab his son in the abdomen.

The victim was brought to the Quezon City General Hospital for treatment, but he expired about 3:15 yesterday morning.

The old man, on the other hand, was arrested shortly after the stabbing.

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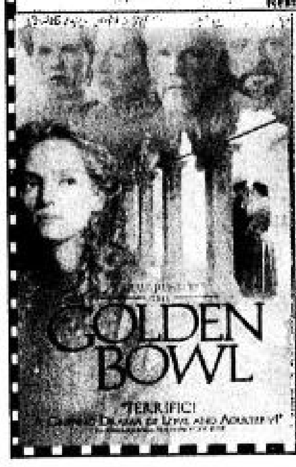

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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

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CALENDAR AD For this week:
Live at the Activity Center:
Feb. 16, 2002—Moonlight Serenade at the Lagoon
Post Valentines Dinner Show with Nonoy Zuñiga and Janet Basco
Feb. 16, 2002—Spell-a-Prize Raffle Draw
Feb. 17, 2002—Jericho Rosales and Cristine Hermosa, Live at the Activity Center 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM
Feb. 24, 2002—Little Love Acts (Card Decorating Contest and Card Making Contest for Mom and child and Dad and child)

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Feb. 16, 7:00 pm - Town Plaza
ANONYMOUS FASHION SHOW
Feb. 17, 4:00 pm - Town Plaza
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CALENDAR AD
For the period of Feb. 1 to 3, 2002
Valentine Card Making & Cookie Decorating Contest
Feb. 3, 10 & 24, 2002
(3:30 PM, Activity Center)
USC Festival of the Arts
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Feb. 1, 2002
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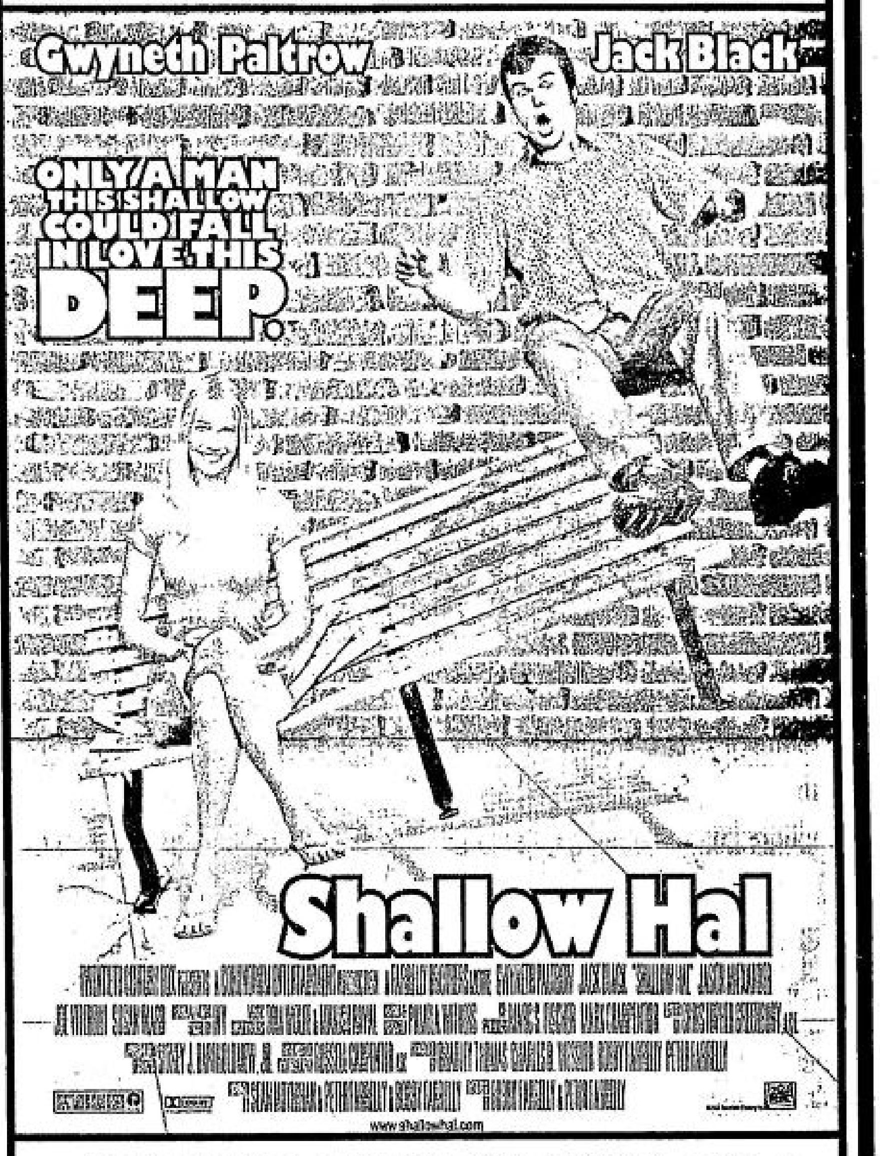

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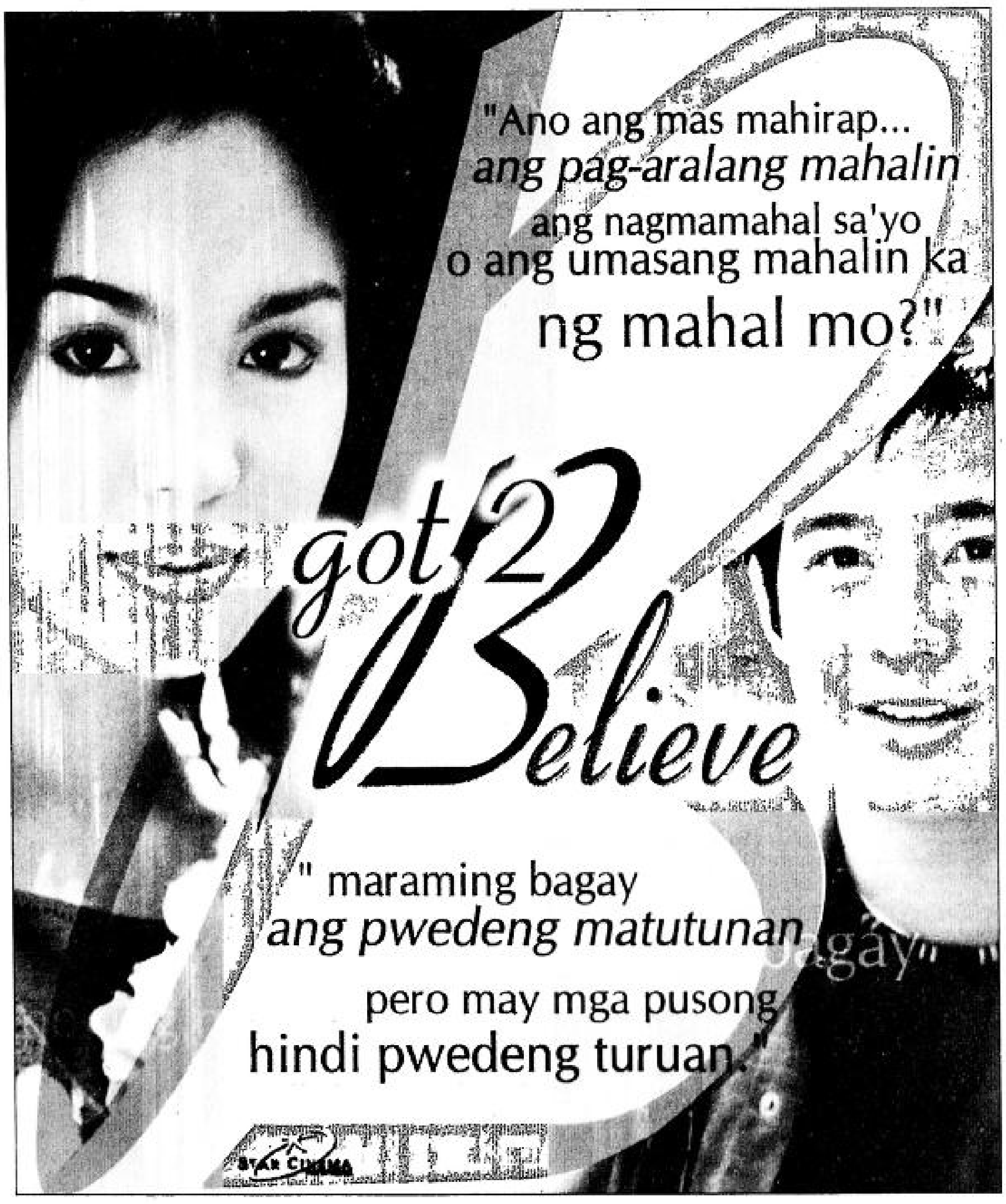

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BUSINESS

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Gov't nominees to join SMC before Feb. 27

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

SAN MIGUEL Corp. chair Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco Jr. has agreed to facilitate the entry of five government nominees to the board of directors in the food and beverage giant before Feb. 27 this year when the firm's shareholders will tackle the $540-million buy-in of Kirin Brewery Co. Ltd. of Japan.

Trade and Industry Secretary Manuel A. Roxas II said this was among the salient provisions in the interim power-sharing agreement between the government and Cojuangco in SMC to be signed on Feb. 22. The agreement will take effect for two years.

This means that the five Estrada nominees on SMC's 15-member board have to give way to the nominees of the Presidential Commission on Good Government.

The Estrada nominees' refusal to give up their seats (because the PCGG did not submit its nominees before the deadline for the election of directors) was instrumental in helping Cojuangco keep his post during last year's stockholders' meeting.

With its PCGG nominees on SMC's board, the government is hoping to provide a check and balance to the SMC board, which has been controlled by Cojuangco since 1998.

In a press statement, Roxas said "the agreement was being pursued without prejudice and subject to the final resolution on the merits of the courts and without prejudice to any new cases that the parties may file."

The government and Cojuangco are currently locked in an ownership battle over the multibillion-peso Coconut Industry Investment Fund, which included holdings in SMC and United Coconut Planters Bank.

The government will get a total of seven representatives in the board with the five PCGG nominees and two seats represented by the Social Security System and the Government Service and Insurance System.

Aside from adequate representation in the board, Roxas said the government would have adequate representation in SMC committees (such as the executive committee, audit, compensation and nominations) as well as in operating subsidiaries and recently acquired companies such as Coca-Cola, Purefoods Corp. and Cosmos Bottling.

Roxas said that the government has also required Cojuangco to nominate independent directors to the board specially for the seats to be taken by management nominees.

In return, Roxas said the government has given its assurance that a "vote in favor of Kirin's investment in SMC will be made." Roxas is head of the government committee tasked to review the Cojuangco-engineered buy-in of Kirin into SMC, which the PCGG feared would dilute the government's interest in SMC.

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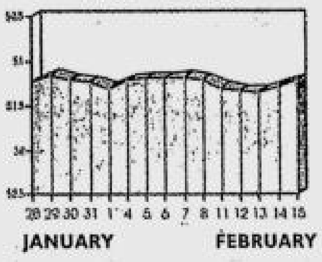

GRAPHS BY RONNIE CABUANG

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STOCK MARKET

Rate cut buoys shares

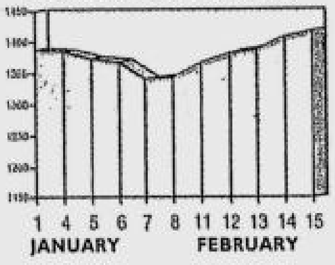
THE RUN-UP in stocks continued yesterday with the main index ending at a fresh seven-and-a-half-month high as investors continued to pile into the market following another interest rate cut, traders said.

On Thursday, the central bank's policy-setting Monetary Board agreed to chop overnight rates by 25 basis points, bringing them down to their lowest level since July 1995.

"The interest rate cut was implemented today and that gave investors a further reason to hold on to their stocks and accumulate more," KGI Securities vice president for sales Henry Ong said.

The main index closed up 9.34 points, or 0.66 percent, at 1,416.83, its highest finish since ending at 1,423.44 points on June 26 last year. Over the week the index was up 5.3 percent. Turnover rose to P869.82 million from P775.36 million on Thursday.

PSE COMPOSITE INDEX



(See stock market report on Page B2)

Businessmen doubt banks will slash loan rates

WHILE local businessmen yesterday cheered the Department of Trade and Industry's initiative to spur banks to lower their lending rates, they remained skeptical on whether the government's mere moral suasion could convince banks to sacrifice their margins.

Federation of Philippine Industries chair Raul T. Concepcion said the DTI and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas could only influence and not dictate the lending rates that banks would charge their clients. "I don't think the BSP can sanction a bank for acting in the interest of its shareholders in a free market situation."

Concepcion said the DTI should keep up the pressure on banks by publishing the names of those charging "usurious rates" probably on a biweekly basis as a regular service to consumers. "I believe that businessmen will see more positive results in the next few months if the DTI does not waver from its drive," Concepcion said.

Concepcion said Trade and Industry Secretary Manuel A. Roxas II's decision to reveal the names of erring banks that charge more than the 5-percentage-point maximum spread over the 91-day treasury bill yield as agreed to by the industry players has "opened" the eyes of businessmen on what should be the apt level for borrowing rates in the country.

Concepcion, who oversees the Consumer and Oil Price Watch, said that by providing the public with a deeper insight on how banks fix their lending rates, businessmen could have more leverage in bargaining for lower interest rates.

The FPI and other business organizations have complained that they have yet to feel the benefits of the government's successful effort to rein in inflation and bring down interest rates to 15-year lows because banks have kept their lending rates virtually unchanged since the 1997 financial crisis.

Banks, however, were quick to point out that their lending rates were based on several factors that include not only the cost of funds but also the risk profile of the prospective borrower and their capability to pay their loans.

They said that they have faithfully complied with their gentleman's agreement to keep their spread on lending rates to a maximum of 5 percentage points over the 91-day treasury bill yield for prime or triple AAA clients. They said that the agreement does not cover interest rates for regular clients.

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BREAKTIME

Conrado R. Banal III

WOW! An endless parade of expert and surprise witnesses! Wonderful!

The expert and surprise witnesses must even fall in line, one by one, as obediently as grade schoolers, just to take part in the ongoing charade, este, "hearing" in the Senate.

In the hearing, a couple of senators are trying to prove a point. And that is, in effect, they are totally right about the zero coupon bonds, a.k.a. PEACE bonds, all along.

They are not really a couple, by the way, because they are not married or living in or having an affair. Impossible! I just refer to their number. There are two of them.

So who said, anyway, the Senate hearing is staged? Sure, the expert and surprise witnesses only say what the senators want to hear from them. It's just coincidence, okay?

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OUR beloved couple of senators earlier accused Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho of committing a series of big-time crimes like plunder and selling Tupperware.

So, there, right away, it was very clear, this Camacho was guilty! Look, the senators already said so. The only thing that remained to be done was they must prove it.

Proving it was easy. It was the job of the expert and surprise witnesses. They simply called the witnesses to the hearing, and, presto, they got all the proof they needed.

How they arrived at their conclusion, in the first place, even before they could hear what the witnesses would say, nevertheless, is now an entirely different matter.

Normally, if I am not mistaken, most congressional hearings do not start with the conclusion. This oftentimes comes after the hearings. No, never, not before!

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BUT the hearing on the zero couple bonds is different from all other hearings, which our hardworking Congress wastes a lot of time on, not to mention a lot of our tax money.

The bonds were cooked, the senators said, to please the sister of Camacho who headed the NGO that made money out of the bonds. So what are they—please bonds?

By listening to the expert and surprise witnesses, in fact, they already could apparently say the "cooking" seemingly tended to appear to be almost close to the truth.

One surprise witness noted the huge disparity of the bids. This, she said, was due to lack of information. From her experience, the bids should be close to each other.

So there, it's clear from her testimony, the bidding seems to tend to appear to have been rigged apparently. Send this crooked Camacho to the gallows! Right away!

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OUR surprise witness was correct. From the looks of it, the bids were too far apart, suggesting "confusion" among the bidders. They ranged from 12.7 to 18 percent.

It's just that she also forgot to say many other things. I don't know if it's not intentional. It just looked convenient. Such a perfect witness!

For with just a little telephone call to some of the actual bidders, who really took part in the bidding, I found out many other things about the bids.

Most of the bidders, if not all of them, submitted not just one bid. They all submitted a wide range of bids. Even coming from one bidder, the bids were all far apart.

The highest bid of 18 percent, for instance, came from International Bank. Guess what! Bulk of its bid came in at 13.5 percent. That's confused? Clever is more like it.

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EVEN the winning bidder, RCBC, which brokered for CODE-NGO, actually submitted six different bids. Not just one, okay, but six! It had bids that did not quite make it.

For that's the way it is in bidding for government IOUs. Banks want to cover all possibilities. What if, by some fat chance, your 18-percent bid wins? Fiesta time!

Look, even the ERAP bonds had a wide range of bids of 3 to 13 percent. Yet the expert witness said they were publicized widely and early to avoid . . . well, "confusion."

If your wayward bid gets laughed at, well and good, you are still covered by your other more, err, "reasonable" bids. Thus, it's wise for you to submit a whole lot of them.

All of the bidders did that. They all submitted "realistic" bids, plus a sprinkling of "fantasy" bids. Indeed, the "realistic" bids were far more than the sex-oriented bids.

In other words, all the bidding banks, no exception, knew what they were doing. They were not confused. But this could not prove the point of the senators, could it?

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MOREOVER, I gather from the other bidders themselves—LOSERS all, mind you—that if they were indeed confused, they could always call for a postponement of the bidding.

They did not do that. If they were confused, they did not even mind. Thus it's clear that they tended to appear to take part in the rigging apparently. The plot thickens.

So now it's a conspiracy. They are as guilty as Camacho, plus a whole lot of other people in RCBC, CODE-NGO, Bureau of Treasury, BIR and Bangko Sentral.

With such a huge number of people, it should be easy to prove the conspiracy theory. Yet the senators cannot find even just one of them to show up the whole thing.

And why does our lovely senator even take up the cudgels for some of the conspirators, namely, the losing bidders who clearly conspired with each other to lose?

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YOU see, the senator noted that certain "information" was given to the bidders only a day before the bidding. Too late! She said they did not have time to arrange the funding.

Hmm. Is that so? All along, I thought they were all banks, and as such, dealing in money is their one and only true business. Money is the one thing they should have.

All right, following the argument of our dear senator, due to the "late" info, funding became a problem for the losing bidders. That's why they lost in the bidding.

So let me see if I get this right. They only took part in the bidding, because they did not have money for it in the first place. Is that it?

There you have it. On the one hand, the bidders were part of the conspiracy, because they pushed through with the bidding, while confused, in order to lose.

On the other hand, they were the victims, because they lacked information to raise the money, which they would need to join the bidding, in which they took part after all.

What is it, really? Ah, *basta*, this Camacho deserves capital punishment for selling Tupperware just like that. Such nerve!

Longer trading to start Feb. 20

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE PHILIPPINE Stock Exchange said yesterday trading at the stock market would be extended by an hour and 30 minutes starting Feb. 20, two days later than what was earlier announced.

In a circular, PSE president Ernest Leung said the stock market would remain open from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The stock exchange currently starts doing business at 9:30 a.m. and ends when the bell rings at noon. A 30-minute run-up follows to allow brokers and traders to close all pending transactions.

The Philippine bourse is one of the few remaining stock markets in the world that operate on a half-day basis. Only the stock exchanges of Iran, Slovenia and Taiwan have the same schedule.

PSE director Harry Liu said the extension of the stock market's trading hours would only be a pilot test. If it succeeds, he said, the PSE may decide to extend it even more.

There have been proposals from foreign stockbrokerages to extend the stock market's trading hours to 4 p.m.

Liu said the stock exchange could not immediately extend the stock market's trading hours to 4 p.m., as this would require major adjustments in the stockbrokerages' operating requirements.

The PSE and the Securities and Exchange Commission cleared the move to extend the stock market's trading hours on Wednesday, but the final date was disclosed in a circular to brokers only yesterday.

Liu said the stock exchange needed two more days, as it had yet to prepare the infrastructure required for the adjustment.

The PSE's decision to extend its trading hours was in response to a call from Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho for the stock exchange to take advantage of fresh investor confidence.

The stock exchange is also planning to relax operating procedures for foreign stockbrokerages in a bid to woo back portfolio funds.

The PSE has emerged as a top performer this year, with foreign funds returning on the back of positive economic indicators and stabilizing security.

"The global situation has been recovering and even our internal situation is improving. For that reason, the timing of the extending of hours may be propitious," Leung said.

Camacho said turnover on the PSE had increased "four times" in both volume and value.

"We always talk about world-class. How can we be world-class when everybody else trades the whole day? And some are even extending further," he said.

NEWS BRIEFS

Equitable PCI posts profit

EQUITABLE PCI Bank Inc., the country's third largest bank, said on Friday it made a net income of P119.18 million last year from interest income of P15.86 billion.

It previously reported a net income of P1.05 billion in 2000 from interest income of P18.81 billion.

Equitable PCI's 2001 performance was highlighted by the full payment of its P30-billion loan to the BSP in record time manifesting the bank's resiliency and strength in the midst of difficult challenges. *Reuters*

Petron sees P1B in income

OIL refiner Petron Corp. is expected by analysts to report a return to profit in 2001, supported by a decline in world crude prices and a strengthening peso in the second half of the year.

Analysts see Petron, the Philippines largest oil refiner, to post a 2001 consolidated net profit of over P1 billion, reversing the company's 2000 net loss of P1 billion.

A Multex Global Estimates survey of 12 analysts produced a 2001 net profit forecast of P1.167 billion, earnings per share (EPS) of 10 centavos. In 2002, profit was seen growing to P1.808 billion and EPS to 20 centavos. *Reuters*

Finance costs pull down Ayala net

By Elena R. Torrijos

AYALA Corp., the country's largest conglomerate, said yesterday its annual net income fell 33 percent last year, hit by higher costs of hedging its dollar-denominated debt.

But the company said it came out with a stronger balance sheet in the process and was now well-placed to achieve stronger profit growth this year, backed by a sustained increase in earnings of its banking, telecommunications and property subsidiaries.

The company said in a statement it recorded a net income of P2.1 billion from the previous year's 3.15 billion.

Analysts had forecast a net income of around P2.73 billion for Ayala in 2001, a 13.5-percent decline year on year.

Multex Global Estimates net profit consensus for 2001 is P3.8 billion, or 30 centavos a share.

"The major culprit was increased financial

FINANCE/ B3

MetLife leaves Philippine market

METLIFE Inc., the No. 1 US life insurer, has announced the closure of MetLife Insurance Co. of the Philippines, saying it has not been successful in penetrating the market.

"We do not see the prospects for growth and profitability that meet our standards," William Toppeta, president of MetLife International, said in a statement.

"At the same time, we very much believe that several markets in the Asia-Pacific region offer attractive opportunities, and this move will enable us to concentrate even more on the growth potential there."

MetLife has international insurance operations in 13 countries.

Reacting to MetLife's decision to pull out of the Philippines, Insurance Commission Deputy Commissioner Vida Chiong said: "We will see to it that the rights and interests of MetLife's plan holders are well protected."

MetLife has formed a "team" to discuss with the Insurance Commission "arrangements" regarding the company's policyholders.

"Possibly, a company could take over MetLife's portfolio," Chiong said.

She said the Insurance Commission would hold a meeting with MetLife on Monday.

MetLife reported a fourth-quarter loss on Tuesday, dragged down by costs stemming from job cuts and class-action lawsuits alleging racial discrimination. ***Elena R. Torrijos, with reports from Reuters and AP***

PNOC to build ₱3-B power plant

By Ronnel W. Domingo

PNOC Exploration Corp., a subsidiary of Philippine National Oil Co., is planning to build a 50-megawatt coal-fired power plant at the mouth of a mine in Isabela province to further promote the use of indigenous fuels.

PNOC-EC signed a memorandum of understanding with the provincial government of Isabela on Thursday to develop the plant, which was estimated to cost P3 billion. The company said it was also interested in attracting other partners.

Sources said interested parties include Korea Electric Power Corp. and Nissho Iwai Corp. of Japan.

The plant is scheduled for commissioning in 2005. PNOC has agreements with provincial distribution cooperatives to buy the electricity generated.

The integrated coal mine-mouth power plant will be put up in an area covering parts of Cauayan City and the towns of Naguilian and Benito Soliven.

DISCLOSURES

BASIC Consolidated Inc. has clarified that the company has not made any final decision on the option to buy back into the Victoria consortium.

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SANITARY Wares Manufacturing Corp. will hold its annual stockholders' meeting on March 19, 9 a.m., at the Vivere, 2/F Richville Regency Suites, Alabang, Muntinlupa. Record date is on Feb. 18.

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KEPPEL Philippines Holdings Inc. repurchased on Feb. 13 some 10,000 "A" shares at P1.20 a share and 60,000 "B" shares at P1.40 a share.

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ALASKA Milk Corp. will hold its annual stockholders' meeting on May 21, 9 a.m., at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Makati. Record date is on March 1.

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FUJITSU has signed a contract with **GLOBE Telecom Inc.** to supply transmission systems and submarine fiber optic cable systems for its fiber optic backbone network project.

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MULTITECH Investments Corp. has disclosed that it has no knowledge of any information that caused the increase of the company's share price on Feb. 12. ***Compiled by Ray Leyesa, PDI Research***

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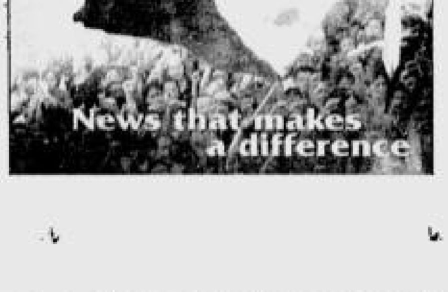

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of Friday, February 15, 2002)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Asiatrust Dev. Bank Inc.	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	3,000
Bank of the Phil. Islands	67	68	67	67.5	871,800
Citystate Savings Bank	14.25	14.25	14.25	14.25	10,000
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	29	29	29	29	225,900
First E-Bank Corp.	1.72	1.72	1.72	1.72	6,000
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	210	212	208	211	159,350
Philippine National Bank	76	76	75.5	75.5	5,200
Rizal Comm. Banking Corp.	13.25	13.25	13	13	22,100
Security Bank Corp.	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	600
Union Bank of the Phil.	19.75	20	19.25	20	269,300
FINANCIAL SERVICE					
Bankard Inc.	1.28	1.3	1.26	1.28	1,110,000
Manulife Financial Corp.	1345	1345	1345	1345	350
PCI Leasing & Fin. Inc.	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	20,000
Sun Life Financial Serv.	1045	1055	1045	1055	18,970
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	30.5	30.5	30.5	30.5	13,900
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	0.7	0.7	0.68	0.68	13,570,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	780	800	780	800	47,810
Ipeople Inc.	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.78	10,000
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.045	0.0625	0.045	0.0625	72,700,000
Manila Bulletin Pub. Corp.	3.25	3.25	3.2	3.2	90,000
Piltel	0.57	0.59	0.57	0.57	9,020,000
Phil. Telegraph & Tel. Co.	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	60,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	515	515	510	515	193,120
Ivantage Corp.	0.57	0.6	0.57	0.6	2,590,000
Philweb.Com Inc.	0.022	0.023	0.022	0.023	90,300,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	30.5	31	30	30.5	717,800
Manila Electric Co. B	42.5	45.5	42.5	45	3,267,600
Petron Corp.	1.96	1.98	1.92	1.96	10,181,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Asian Terminals Inc.	1.06	1.06	1.04	1.06	138,000
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	3.1	3.1	3.05	3.1	2,600,000
Keppel Phils. Marine Inc.	0.36	0.36	0.35	0.35	60,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.34	0.36	0.34	0.36	310,000
Republic Cement Corp.	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.64	110,000
Union Cement Corp.	0.67	0.67	0.66	0.66	50,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	100,000
Cosmos Bottling Corp.	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.6	60,000
Jollibee Foods Corp.	14.5	14.75	14.5	14.5	370,100
La Tondena Distillers Inc.	23.75	23.75	23.5	23.5	135,500
RFM Corp.	1.4	1.4	1.38	1.38	616,000
San Miguel Corp. A	50.5	51	50	50	375,100
San Miguel Corp. B	68	68.5	66	66	122,200
Vitarich .	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	100,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.69	0.73	0.69	0.73	80,000
Ayala Corp.	6.6	6.7	6.6	6.6	3,722,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	1.92	1.92	1.9	1.92	1,009,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.85	0.87	0.85	0.85	1,430,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.008	0.008	0.0075	0.0075	131,000,000
Anglo Phil Holdings Corp.	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	1,000,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	40,000
Balabac Resources & Hldgs	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	30,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	0.83	0.86	0.83	0.86	33,000,000
A Brown Company Inc.	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	20,000
Basic Consolidated Inc.	0.175	0.175	0.155	0.155	430,000
Crown Equities Inc.	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	1,000,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	0.36	0.37	0.36	0.36	1,680,000
Ebecom Holdings Inc.	0.11	0.12	0.11	0.12	25,360,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	1	1.1	1	1.1	780,000
Fil-Hispano Holdings Corp.	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	1,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	31	31.5	30.5	30.5	506,600
Forum Pacific Inc.	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	200,000
Global Equities Inc.	0.185	0.185	0.18	0.18	550,000
House Of Investments Inc.	0.37	0.39	0.37	0.39	330,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	1.9	1.94	1.9	1.94	412,000
Macroasia Corp.	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	136,000
Marsteel Cons. Inc. A	0.018	0.02	0.018	0.02	3,300,000
Marsteel Cons. Inc. B	0.019	0.02	0.019	0.02	1,800,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.86	0.87	0.86	0.87	260,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.38	0.39	0.38	0.39	8,280,000
Music Corp.	0.35	0.37	0.35	0.36	4,810,000
Prime Orion Phils. Inc.	0.22	0.225	0.22	0.225	930,000
Roxas Holdings Inc.	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86	20,000
Solid Group Inc.	0.4	0.41	0.4	0.4	1,610,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.175	0.18	0.17	0.18	2,400,000
Wellex Industries Inc.	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	110,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Corro-Coat Inc.	1.42	1.42	1.42	1.42	10,000
Metro Alliance Holdings-B	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	10,000
Picop Resources Inc.	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	600,000
Pryce Corp.	0.095	0.105	0.095	0.105	9,100,000
SPI Technologies Inc.	14.75	14.75	14.75	14.75	1,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICE					
Belle Corp.	0.45	0.46	0.44	0.45	16,210,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.61	0.61	0.61	0.61	220,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.41	100,000
Mondragon Intl Phils Inc.	0.46	0.52	0.46	0.52	1,550,000
Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc.	0.3	0.3	0.29	0.29	830,000
Philippine Racing Club	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	13,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	31	31	30.5	30.5	829,400
DMCI Holdings Inc.- Pref.	785	795	785	795	350
Globe Telecom Hldg (Pdr)	775	790	775	790	9,810
Jollibee Warrants	14	14	14	14	1,000
Omico Corp. Warrant	0.0016	0.0016	0.0016	0.0016	623,000,000
RFM Corp. - Pref.	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	30,000
PLDT (10% Pref) Series V	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	200
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Y	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	700
PLDT 10% Pref Series Aa	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	1,200
Philweb.Com Inc. -Warrants	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	25,000,000
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	6.7	6.8	6.7	6.7	10,353,000
Araneta Properties Inc.	0.215	0.215	0.215	0.215	170,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	1,870,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.54	0.56	0.54	0.56	31,750,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.32	0.33	0.32	0.32	4,830,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	2.1	2.14	2.02	2.14	30,471,000
Gotesco Land Inc.B	0.0575	0.0575	0.0575	0.0575	500,000
Fil-Estate Land Inc.	0.29	0.3	0.28	0.28	1,720,000
MRC Allied Ind. Inc.	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	60,000
Philippine Estates Corp.	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	100,000
SM Development Corp.	0.99	1.04	0.99	1.04	1,650,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	6.7	7	6.7	6.9	8,028,000
Universal Rightfield Prop	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.08	2,700,000
MINING					
Apex Mining Co. Inc. A	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	10,000
Abra Mining & Industrial	0.0042	0.0046	0.0042	0.0046	40,000,000
Itogon-Suyoc Mines A	0.039	0.044	0.039	0.042	38,400,000
Itogon-Suyoc Mines B	0.042	0.046	0.042	0.046	1,000,000
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.215	0.215	0.215	0.215	900,000
Manila Mining Corp. A	0.0042	0.0042	0.004	0.004	27,000,000
Omico Corp.	0.0046	0.005	0.0046	0.0048	416,000,000
Polar Mines & Dev't Corp.	0.021	0.022	0.021	0.022	9,700,000
Philex Mining Corp. A	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	20,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	200,000
OIL					
Imperial Res.	0.021	0.024	0.021	0.024	102,100,000
Interport Res. B	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	3,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.007	0.007	0.0065	0.007	101,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. B	0.007	0.007	0.007	0.007	14,000,000
The Philodrill Corp. A	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	100,000
Pacifica	0.017	0.018	0.017	0.018	51,000,000
Vulcan Ind'l	0.27	0.27	0.25	0.25	1,090,000

	SHARES	VALUE (P)
Banks & Fin Svc	2,722,570	126,802,110.00
Comm'l & Ind'l	1,111,910,351	526,071,179.00
PRO	93,792,000	210,414,380.00
Mining	533,230,000	4,433,800.00
OIL	272,290,000	4,408,100.00
GRAND TOTALS :	2,013,944,921	872,129,569.00

AVERAGES		
Banks & Fin Svc	568.62	UP 2.43
Comm'l & Ind'l	1,939.98	UP 11.44
PRO	616.62	UP 8.60
Mining	1,420.11	U 13.00
OIL	2.30	DOWN 0.01
All Shares Index	766.59	UP 2.26
Composite	1,416.83	UP 9.34

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CURRENCIES

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Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Foreign currency in US$	Foreign currency in Peso
United States	Dollar	1.144034	1.000000	51.3340
Japan	Yen	0.008664	0.007573	0.3888
United Kingdom	Pound	1.637456	1.431300	73.4744
Hong Kong	Dollar	0.146860	0.128370	6.5897
Switzerland	Franc	0.674151	0.589275	30.2498
Canada	Dollar	0.718840	0.628338	32.2551
Singapore	Dollar	0.629628	0.550358	28.2521
Australia	Dollar	0.590317	0.515996	26.4881
Bahrain	Dinar	3.034734	2.652661	136.1717
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.305076	0.266667	13.6891
Brunei	Dollar	0.623452	0.544959	27.9749
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000112	0.000098	0.0050
Thailand	Baht	0.026245	0.022941	1.1777
UAE	Dirham	0.311556	0.272331	13.9798
Korea	Won	0.000876	0.000766	0.0393
Euro	Euro	1.000000	0.874100	44.8710
Brazil	Real	0.470796	0.411523	21.1251
Denmark	Kroner	0.134655	0.117702	6.0421
India	Rupee	0.023640	0.020676	[illegible]
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.301141	0.263227	[illegible]
Mexico	New Peso	0.126066	0.110193	[illegible]
New Zealand	Dollar	0.480485	[illegible]	[illegible]
Norway	Kroner	0.128514	0.112334	5.7666
Pakistan	Rupee	0.019099	0.016694	0.8570
South Africa	Rand	0.099171	[illegible]	4.4499
Sweden	Kroner	0.108549	0.094883	4.8707
Syria	Pound	0.022301	0.019493	1.0007
Taiwan	NT Dollar	0.032706	0.028588	1.4675
Venezuela	Bolivar	0.001361	0.00119	0.0611

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Finance costs pull down Ayala net

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charges because we've opted to hedge our dollar exposure and go into some dollar-peso swaps just to be sure that we don't get hit by any unforeseen (events)," Rufino Luis Manotok, company managing director and head of strategic planning, said.

"What we're trying to do is we are trying to clean up our debt. What's good is that our balance sheet is clean, it's strong, so we opted to sort of sacrifice our P&L in favor of a stronger balance sheet.

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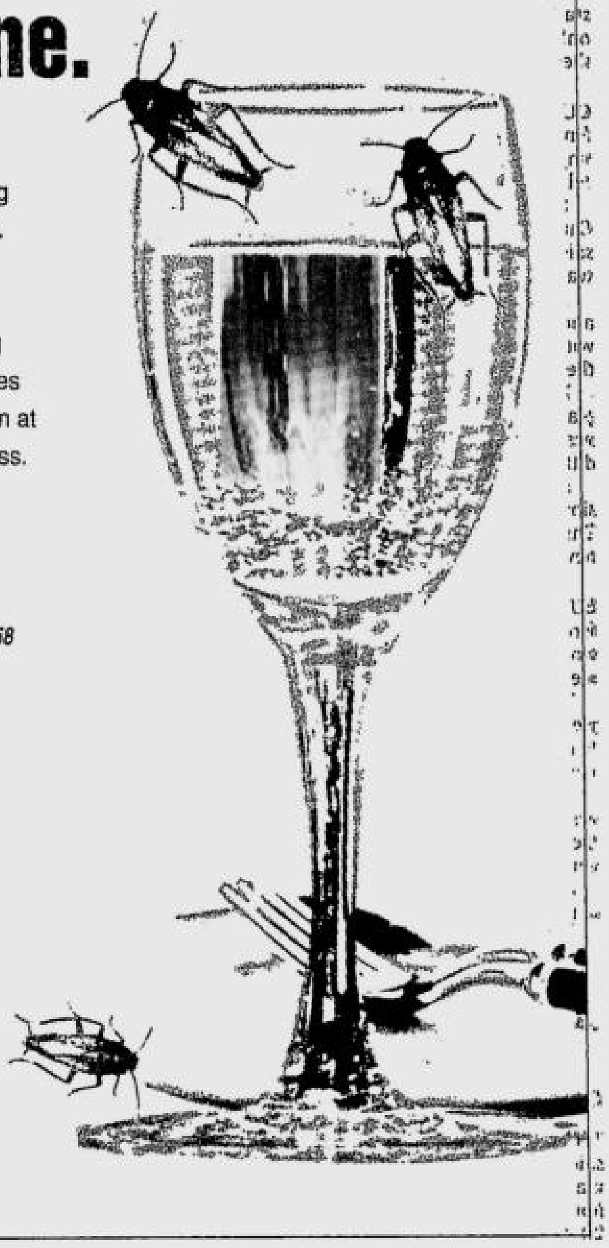

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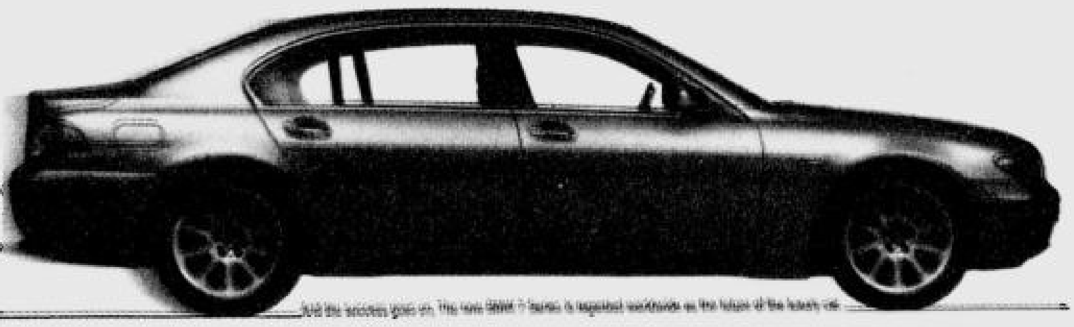

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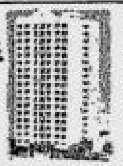

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JATER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Plaintiffs.
- versus -
REALEX CORPORATION
Defendant/s.
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CIVIL CASE NO. 8747
FOR: UNLAWFUL DETAINER

SUMMONS

(Under the RULE ON SUMMARY PROCEDURE)

TO: THE PRESIDENT / MANAGER
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GREETINGS:

The Court having determined that the attached complaint against you is a case which requires summary disposition according to the RULE ON SUMMARY PROCEDURE, you are hereby ordered to file an answer thereto within a non-extendible period of ten (10) days from receipt of this SUMMONS or SERVICE thereof, with the Clerk of Court of the Metropolitan Trial Court of Pasig, Municipal Town Hall, Pasig, Metro Manila, otherwise judgment will be rendered against you as may be warranted by the facts alleged in the said complaint and as prayed for therein.

WITNESS THE HONORABLE JOSE P. MORALLOS, Presiding Judge of this Court, this 16th day of August, 2001.

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(PDI - Feb. 16, 2002)

INQUIRER
TRiViA
By BONG BARRAMEDA

Of scents & sexes

Q. Is it true that women have a keener sense of smell than men?

A. Yes, according to most studies, but much of it is learned. On a day-to-day basis women are encouraged to use their noses more often than men through their interest in cooking, flower arrangements, creating interior environments, and the early use of fragrance products. In addition, according to scientific research, the fluctuation in a woman's sense of smell, during a 24-hour period, is systematically greater than a man's. These changes appear to be influenced by the secretion of female hormones - scientists are testing to determine if estrogen increases smell acuity in the first half of the month and progesterone decreases acuity in the last half. It also appears that odor awareness changes when a woman is pregnant and often her preception of scents changes. She may be more conscious of some odors and unable to experience others.

Take a Tip. Oily skin holds perfume scents longer than dry skin. So, before applying perfume, rub a very thin layer of Vaseline on your skin and you will smell delicious for hours. But be careful of 'nose fatigue.' If you've been wearing the same perfume for a long time, you may not smell it as easily as others do. If the scent is still obvious to you 30 minutes after application, you've probably overdone it; dab alcohol or a paste of baking soda and water on the perfumed area, then wash off.

Name Game. **Sorsogon.** When 16th-century Spanish explorers reached a small river emptying into what is now Sorsogon Bay, they asked a native the name of the place. The native, not understanding Spanish and thinking the visitors were asking for directions, answered, '*Solsogon*,' meaning 'trace the river by going upstream.' The Spaniards thought that was the name of the place, and in time *Solsogon* became *Sorsogon*.

WORD WATCH

Milieu (meel yoo) : environment; esp., a social or cultural setting.

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2.	Agnes Alontaga Diosdado Jr. Violeta Mission Roberto Alontaga Alfredo Alontaga	Manila Manila Compostela, Davao Maco, Davao Tagum, Davao	Diosdado V. Alontaga SS#07-0036679-8	January 6, 2001
3.	Bonifacia Awing	Davao	Felipe P. Awing SS#06-0202286-8	December 21, 2001
4.	Manuel Borres	Agus, Lapulapu, Leyte	Maximo A. Borres SS#06-0405706-4	March 2, 1997
5.	Loreta Adjen	31 Aliiang Cawayan Pasig City	Jose Cabral SS#03-2233180-0	October 19, 2001
6.	Genara Capesinio Juanito Capesinio	San Isidro, Kananga, Leyte	Gregorio Capesinio SS#06-0405610-4	October 26, 1997
7.	Elena Elumer Chia	Unknown	Manuel Chia SS#07-0258754-6	April 26, 1997
8.	Leonora Coles	Banawan, Agusan del Sur	Fernando L. Coles SS#08-0696614-4	July 10, 2001
9.	Erlinda & Efren Collantes	Duterte St., Danao City Cebu	Robelito Collantes SS#06-0993354-9	December 19, 2001
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11.	Aida O. Crisosto	Unknown	Leonidas E. Crisosto SS#07-0156279-5	November 9, 2001
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13.	Isidro G. Yamba	Jimenez, Misamis Occidental	Manuela J. Dayrita SS#08-0801357-4	August 19, 2001
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17.	Heber Labitan	Unknown	Adela C. Labitan SS#07-0487627-1	October 24, 1998
18.	Federico Ladi	946 San Jose Street, Mandaluyong City	Rosalinda Ladi SS#03-7374962-9	August 11, 1998
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22.	Ren-Ren, Elsy and Jonnie Murallon	Calabayan, Ozamiz City Misamis Occidental	Demetrio F. Murallon SS#08-0992078-9	August 15, 2000
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*This is a re-publication.

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**Prospective bidders should have pest control experience and duly licensed to operate by the government.

List of pre-qualification requirements must be obtained from the Bids and Awards Committee Secretariat, 6th Floor, SSS Main Building, East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City with telephone numbers 922-2991 and 920-6401 local 5490/5491. For item no. 3, pre-qualification forms will be issued upon presentation of original and valid licenses, size/range and kind of project issued by PCAB . Below is the deadline for the submission of pre-qualification documents, at the same address

Item No.	Deadline
Item 1	March 06, 2002
Item 2	March 07, 2002
Item 3	March 08, 2002
Item 4	March 11, 2002

The SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, to waive any formality or technicality, and to award to any bidder whose proposal is deemed most advantageous to the System. The SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM neither assumes any obligation for any loss whatsoever that may be incurred by the bidders in the preparation of their respective bids, nor does the System guarantee that an award will be made.

(Sgd.) **ERNESTO G. GASIS**
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INVITATION TO BID

The DOH-Center for Health Development, Tuguegarao City, hereby invites interested suppliers to provide drugs and medicines, medical, surgical, laboratory and dental supplies and office, janitorial, computer supplies and equipment to this Office.

Interested suppliers who can provide the above-mentioned item may obtain documents from the Secretariat upon presentation of the original and photocopy of DOH Certificate of Suppliers Accreditation, License to Operate and Certificate of Product Registration and upon payment of a non-refundable bidding fee of P700.00

Pre-qualification and issuance of bid/ tender documents	February 25 - March 1, 2002
Pre-bid conference	**March 12, 2002** 9:00 AM (drugs, medicines, medical, surgical, laboratory and dental supplies) 2:00 PM (office, janitorial, computer supplies, equipments)
Opening of bids	**March 19, 2002** (9:00 AM) (drugs and medicines, medical, surgical, laboratory and dental supplies) **March 20, 2002** (9:00 AM) (office, janitorial, computer supplies, equipments)
Venue:	DOH - Center for Health Development Main Conference Hall Carig, Tuguegarao City

The DOH - Center for Health Development, Tuguegarao City reserves the right, to reject any or all bids, to waive any formality in the bids received or to accept bids as maybe advantageous and responsive to the needs of this Office. For more details, call 844-1748 - Secretariat.

(Sgd.) **ERIBERTO M. POLICAR, MD, MPH, CESO III**
Director IV

(PDI – Feb. 15, 16 & 17, 2002)

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INVITATION TO BID

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DATE OF BIDDING -- MARCH 1, 2002

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0104-036 - TES	1 lot, Operation Training Simulator (OTS) Spare Electronic Module & Accessories, Manufactured by G.E. Fanuc, consisting of 11 items
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0110-046	1 lot, Bolt Heater, Rubber Mallet, Asbestos Sheet, Knitted Gloves, Insulating Varnish, Face Shields, Trouble Light, Bolt and Nut & Lumber of various sizes
0111-005	1 lot, Spares for MIPREG 600c digital governors of hydraulic turbines, consisting of 11 items
0111-029	1 set, Nutsplitters, Hydraulic, capable of splitting 13 mm up to 75 mm, hexagonal nuts, working pressure of not less than 700 bars or 10,000 psi and complete with pressure hoses, fittings and other accessories

Bid documents will be available to accredited suppliers starting **February 18, 2002** and may be secured from Administration Division during working days from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM upon payment of P25.00 for ONE ENVELOPE SYSTEM and P50.00 for TWO ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Bids must be in triplicate and shall be accompanied by Bidder's bond equivalent to 5% of the total bid price either in Cash, Manager's Check, Irrevocable LC, Bank Draft/Guarantee or Surety Bond from GSIS Insurance Commission.

The corporation reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any defect or informality contained therein and accept the bids considered most advantageous to the corporation.

(Sgd.) **LORNA T. DY**
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The Missionary Society of Saint Columban

mourns the death of

FR. THOMAS O'GRADY

*who died in the Bon Secours Hospital in Dublin
on 14th February 2002.*

Fr. Tom was ordained in Ireland in 1956 and came to the Philippines the following year. He was assigned in Silang, Cavite (1958) and then to Student Catholic Action for a short period. From 1959 to 1976 he was assistant priest in Malate Catholic Church and was given the care of the International Community in Manila. He was parish priest in Cardona, Rizal from 1980-1990 and then of Urduja (1991-2). Fr. O'Grady was also local superior of the Columban Fathers for six years. In 1998 he was assigned to Britain as priest-in-charge of the London House. His sudden illness has shocked us all. He will be greatly missed as a person of deep compassion.

A Memorial Mass for the Repose of Fr. O'Grady will be said in Malate Catholic Church on Tuesday, 19th February at 6:00 pm.

Requiescat in Pace

JOVITA "JOVIT" CAMACHO OFALLA

of Chicago, Illinois and Sapian, Capiz

March 19, 1919 - February 6, 2002

*Peacefully joined her Lord Creator on February 6, 2002
in Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.*

Her bereaved husband **Ardeloso**; son and daughter-in-law **Eddie** and **Remedios Tumlos**; grandchildren **Edwin** and **Rachelle**; surviving sisters **Purification "Puring" Oquendo** and **Margarita "Titay" Jamora**; nephews, nieces and other relatives, request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

A Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated on Monday at the Roman Catholic Church, Parish of St. Anne of Sapian, Capiz on February 18, 2002 at 8:00 a.m. and interment will follow immediately thereafter at the Sapian Catholic Cemetery.

I am the way, the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father
except through Me. John 14:6

JUAN O. SINENSE

of Estancia, Iloilo

*Peacefully joined his Creator on February 14, 2002
at the age of 99.*

His bereaved wife **Estring**; children **Ray** (†) and **Alice**, **Ed** and **Cecille**, **Sr. Mary Suzanne, rgs**, **Rolly**, and **Bingbing**; grandchildren **Tommy**, **Kathy** and **Jojo**, **Raul**, **Chinky** and **Stephen**, **Dindo** and **Borgie**, **Ginny** and **Helmut**, **Glenda**, and **Maussie**; great grandchildren **Simone**, **Sienna**, **Nikolai** and **Pacey**; relatives and friends, request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the family residence in Estancia, Iloilo.

Interment will be on Thursday, February 21, 2002 at the Estancia Cemetery after the 2:00 p.m. Holy Mass at the Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Estancia, Iloilo.

FRANCISCO MACARAEG CAVA

Of Olongapo City and San Marcelino, Zambales

Born: May 4, 1922
Died: February 13, 2002

His bereaved wife **Segundina Artillera**; children **Rodolfo** and **Elsa Otero**, **Fe** and **Dr. Gary Oriño**, **Michael** and **Marie**, **Carlos** and **Elisa Bautista**, **Carol**, and **Corazon**; brothers and sisters **Adoracion** and **Leopoldo Revadilo**, **Dr. Antonio** (†) and **Demetria Tolentino**, **Dionisio** and **Veronica Lontiong**, **Monica** (†) and **Primo Isidro Jr.** (†), **Drs. Lourdes** and **Ramon Ramirez**, **Dr. Josefina** and **Atty. Generoso Khan**; mother-in-law **Trinidad Artillera**; nephews and nieces, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the family residence, 68 Corpuz Street, West Tapinac, Olongapo City.

Interment will be on Tuesday, February 19, 2002 at the Olongapo Public Cemetery after the 2:00 PM funeral service at the St. Columban Church, Olongapo City.

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Our Dearly Beloved Mom

FRANCISCA FABIA vda. de HERNANDEZ

of San Fabian, Pangasinan

*Peacefully joined our Lord on February 03, 2002
at the age of 87 in Long Beach C.A.*

Her spouse **Enrique** (†); loving children **Eduardo**, **Romeo**, **Violeta**, **Leo**, **Belinda**, **Dante**, **Albert** and **Gilda**; her brother **Marcelino**; grandchildren, nieces, nephews, in-laws and other relatives, and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie at her residence at 2913 Pilar Street, Manuguit Tondo, Manila (Tel. #2520120)

Interment will be on Sunday morning Feb. 17, 2002 in Heritage Park, Fort Bonifacio, Makati City, after the 10:00 AM. Holy Mass to be held at the Garden Grave Site.

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Matthew 10:39

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Michelis opens in Peninsula Manila

MICHELIS Gifts & Jewellery, one of the country's leading jewelry boutiques of the finest sterling silver jewelry made in the Philippines, has just opened its new outlet at the upper lobby of the Peninsula Manila Hotel.

Silver is one of the oldest metals and was first mined in the 7th century BC. It is ranked next to gold and platinum as an expensive and precious metal. The cool luminescence of silver so enchanted the ancient Romans that they chose it to represent Luna, the moon goddess. Wearing silver makes the individual more attractive, even alluring because it has a softer, timeless look which enhances the gentler side of a person.

Michelis offers discriminating clients a distinctive selection of fashionable and creatively designed jewelry done in sterling silver that is crafted according to European quality standards. The Michelis collection features internationally acclaimed design work, exquisitely crafted by some of the most highly trained Filipino silversmiths, a pride to own and an enduring gift to give. Its sterling silver creations are guaranteed to possess a minimum 92.5-percent purity, although many articles have accomplished the 95.2-percent level required by the international market for government hallmarking.

Michelis offers a wide variety of jewelry that includes rings, earrings, bracelets, bangles, necklaces, pendants, watches, men's cufflinks and other gift items. Michelis has suitable gifts for everyone, specially for friends and loved ones who seem to have everything.

Lisa Fenks, international silver jewelry designer, pays tribute to silver when she said, "Silver reflects light in a way that makes it flattering to everyone to wear; and it takes on a certain quality the more it is worn."

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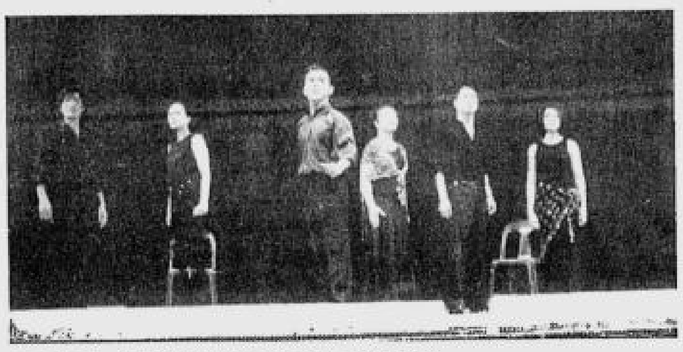
STI, an education services group, the powerhouse in ICT-centered education in the country, and McCann-Erickson Philippines (MEP), adjudged advertising agency of the year 2000 and the industry leader in communications, recently signed an MOA to formalize their business partnership for 2002. Principal signatories for the agreement are STI president and chief executive officer Chito B. Salazar (second from left) and MEP's president and chief operating officer Patricia N. Arches (second from right) with STI's senior vice president and chief operating officer Junjie Echevarria (left) and MEP's senior vice president, account service and business development Susan L. Dimacali (right) as witnesses. As STI's advertising agency, MEP becomes the company's newest partner in its objective of reaching out to its students and customers within and outside the Philippines with its innovative ICT-centered education services and schools.



ILOILO 'ON WINGS OF SONG'

The Neocathecumenical Way of Iloilo City presents the hit Music Theater Foundation of the Philippines showstopper 'On Wings of Song' in a fund-raising concert at the Puntavilla Coral Ballroom on Feb. 15 and 16 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. This concert 'An Evening of Song With Archbishop Lagdameo' is for the benefit of Iloilo youth delegates who will be sent to the annual World Youth Day to be held in Toronto, Canada. Led by Fides Cuyugan Asensio, the group's members are shown (from left) Jonathan Badon, Nova Ramirez, Marvin Gayramon, Lorna Llames, Joseph Legazpi, and Cynthia Culig. The group's assisting artist is Mary Ann Baclao.

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DIGITAL PHOTO TILT WINNER

During its 73rd Anniversary Party, the Camera Club of the Philippines (CCP) awarded the winner of its inaugural digital photography contest. Kodak Professional Inc.'s digital imaging representative Buddy Navasero (center) awards the grand prize, a DC4800 Kodak Digital Camera, to Jun Miranda (right) while Camera Club president Tony D. Lilles looks on. To keep up with the latest imaging innovation, the CCP started a digital photo contest this year that runs along its yearly Cup Tournament that uses 135 mm film.

CEU SET FOR MANDARIN

CEU president Dr. Rosita L. Navarro received a set of interactive CDs for a beginner's course in Mandarin from Dr. Xuechun Wen, director of the Beijing Language and Culture University (BLCU) external cooperation department.

UP Prep HS jubilee homecoming

THE UP Prep High School 1962 committee invites all batch 1962 graduates of the University of the Philippines Preparatory High School to celebrate and attend the school's Ruby Jubilee Alumni Homecoming from Feb. 10 to 17. The week-long homecoming activities will start with a welcome dinner at the Ayala-Alabang Country Club hosted by committee chair Willie Paras and Ed Elegado. This will be followed by a city tour on Feb. 11 and mini-reunions from the 12th to the 15th, capped by a Valentine's Day Party on Feb. 16 at Flor Gozon-Tarriela's residence at Valle Verde. The Grand Ruby Jubilee alumni homecoming will culminate on Feb. 17 at Delfin Lazaro's residence in Forbes Park, Makati. For details, call secretary Letty Velasco-Guiao at 647-1222, treasurer Tess Sempio-Palomo at 564-0744, Lorna Alfonte-Chua at 528-0709 or 896-0303, PRO Edna Ledesma at 894-2827, and Willy Caballa, sports committee head at 435-2320 or 924-0990.

St. Scho holds Peace-tahan

ST. SCHOLASTICA'S College of Manila is having its school fair from Feb. 15 to 17 at its Leon Guinto campus. Called "Peace-tahan", the theme recognizes the fact that the most urgent matter at present—both locally and globally—is peace. There will be rides, fun booths, food stands and other stalls selling different stuff ranging from clothes to novelty items. Entrance tickets, pegged at P25 each, will be sold at the entrance gate along Singalong Street. Proceeds will go to the scholarship program of the school, and other research and development undertakings.

Italian resto unites best of two worlds

GARIBALDI, a new Italian restaurant, recently opened in Metro Manila's financial hub. Located along Metropolitan Avenue, Garibaldi offers pizza, pasta, meat, seafood, coffee, and wines all prepared the Italian way.

"We serve authentic Italian cuisine here at Garibaldi. To ensure that, all the ingredients we use are imported and food is prepared by our Italian chef. Pizza toppings are imported from Italy. Our Tagliatelle with sausage and peas is not your regular carbonara pasta. It's better with its tasty, creamy sauce that doesn't drown your pasta, sausages and peas out of view," says Garibaldi general manager Manlio Gambini.

Garibaldi serves not only lunch and dinner but breakfast as well. "The name Garibaldi came from an Italian hero who was able to reunite Italy from several foreign kings late 19th century. He did the same way in the southern part of America, that's why he was called the hero of two worlds. We start with the same concept: to satisfy the variety of clients with an all-American breakfast together with some Filipino and Continental dishes, and of course, Italian dishes. Our lunch and dinner are absolutely Italian," Gambini adds.

"Here at Garibaldi, we satisfy our customers with the rich flavors of Italy served in a quiet and cozy ambiance, anytime they want, all at very reasonable prices."

Garibaldi's interior has brick-like walls. A touch of bistro is evident in the furniture and a wooden look is used in another partially elevated area.

Garibaldi also accepts small, private gatherings, or parties and business meetings. For inquiries, call 895-5532 or e-mail garibald@info.com.ph.

Donut-shaped backpacks from Country Style

COUNTRY Style donuts offers a free donut-shaped backpack for every P200 worth of food purchase, and you can buy it for P35 with every P50 worth of purchases. Everybody can use it as a utility bag for baon, or as a picnic bag, or as a traveling bag.

This donut-shaped backpack is made of PVC tafetta with a diameter 7.5 nylon strap, and is available in four colors at all Country Style donuts outlets. This promo runs until supply lasts.

Taft Tower says it with love

THE TAFT Tower, a 29-story luxury condominium at 2339 Taft Avenue, Malate, Manila, held its topping off rites at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14—Valentine's Day.

The choice of Feb. 14 as the big day for this traditional ceremony, to signify that the last bucket of concrete or mortar hoisted, poured and in place at last, crowning the structural completion of the building, came as no accident. Coming two days after the Chinese New Year of the Horse, the Taft Tower can be truly considered an enduring gift of rewarding love.

A propitious choice, indeed. For, coming off a long Asian financial crisis which began in July 1997, developer and contractor E. Ganzon Inc. teamed up with the De La Salle University System to realize the dreams of faculty, academic and non-academic personnel of De La Salle University, students and their parents, as well as investors, to finally have their own condominium units right next to their places of work or academic pursuits. It is only fitting and proper that, at long last, as the fruit of love, as an expression of gift-giving on Valentine's Day, De La Salle University and E. Ganzon Inc. would schedule this topping off ceremony to begin the year with love, luck, long life, prosperity and old age.

Residential units in the Taft Tower are fully improved in such a way that only appliances, closets and furniture are not included and options remain to be the buyer's. A bathtub, prefabricated kitchen components, provision for hot and cold water lines, provision for cable television, individual water and electric meters, a separate lobby for residential units, and more, are standard luxury fittings. The building is designed to have six elevators, a 24-hour security system, a fire refuge zone at the ninth floor, a fire alarm and sprinkler system, three parking levels, three commercial levels to serve the community created in the condominium building, and three office levels. A full 100-percent power backup and adequate communication infrastructure have also been anticipated for the building.

After the topping off ceremony, invited guests, government officials, celebrities, friends of EGI, members of media and members of the De La Salle University community proceeded to the La Casita at the second floor, PE and Sports building of DLSU-Manila for cocktails. There, a simple program was held wherein DLSU president Bro. Rolando Dizon, FSC and engineer Eulalio Ganzon, EGI president, delivered short messages to acknowledge the presence of guests and the significance of the historic affair.

Baiphil seminar in Naga City

THE BANKERS Institute of the Philippines Inc. (Baiphil), in cooperation with Metro Naga Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MNCCI), will be conducting a seminar on microfinance and anti-money laundering today, Saturday, Feb. 16 at Villa Caceres Hotel, Naga City.

Resource speakers from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas are Ricardo P. Lirio, managing director and lawyer Elmore O. Capule, deputy director of the Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services. Sub-topics such as requisites for the development of microfinance in the Philippines and other salient features of the subject will be discussed. Likewise, issues and concerns on the Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2000 to include Money Laundering offenses, the financial action task force (FATF) on Anti-Money Laundering, safeguards to prevent abuse of the application of the law and other related topics will be taken up.

For details, call the Baiphil secretariat at 831-0081, 832-5890. Participants from the Bicol region may register with Sonny O. Lim, training/seminar coordinator of MNCCI, or Eva or Lil at (054)473-6318, 473-3519, 473-3531, fax (054)473-9258.

CANATOY NEW RED CROSS CHAIR

Brig. Gen. Jaime L. Canatoy, AFP, Wing Commander of the 520th Air Base Wing, PAF and president of the General Court Martial #15 of the AFP, is now the chair of the Philippine National Red Cross. Canatoy, a PMA graduate of 1971, took over from Justice Leonor Ines Luciano who has served the PNRC as chair for the past four years. Canatoy first joined the Pasay City Red Cross in 1987 as a volunteer. In 1988-94, he served as overall chair of the Pasay City Red Cross fund campaign committee. Canatoy has been a recipient of the Doña Aurora Aragon Quezon Medal and Bronze Cross Medal, two of the most prestigious national Red Cross awards given to volunteers for exemplary leadership. General Romeo C. Espino (extreme left), chair emeritus of the PNRC, is shown inducting the newly elected officers of the board of governors headed by Canatoy (second from left), chair. Other inducted officers are governor Menardo Jimenez, vice chair; governor Lourdes Casas-Quezon, secretary; governor Adelina Rodriguez, treasurer; governor Yolanda Hoffman, assistant secretary; governor Leonida Ortiz, assistant treasurer, and governor Lorna Kapunan, counselor. Looking on from extreme right is outgoing chair Luciano.

SEAGULLS HOUSE

DAYTOP VISITS SEAGULLS FLIGHT

Seagulls Flight Foundation Inc., a treatment and rehabilitation center for drug dependents and alcoholics, adopts and practices the therapeutic community (TC) treatment modality—a prototype of Daytop Village in New York. Shown from left are Michael Bosch, Daytop International spiritual director; Chit Castillo, SFFI director for special services; Ed L. Castillo, SFFI executive director; Dr. Rockwell D. Singh, consulting psychologist; Fredirick Loke, Daytop International deputy executive director, and Ruben Irlandez, SFFI aftercare director. For inquiries, Seagulls Flight headquarters in Makati can be contacted at 896-0407 or 0919-8500989, or e-mail seagullsflight@skyinet.net.

Cricket
LIGHTERS

'CRICKET LADY OF THE NIGHT'

Cricket Lighter, a global disposable lighter brand used by millions, recently launched the 'Cricket Ladyof the Night' at Arkdia Bar in Malate. The debut of this latest promo from Cricket coincided with a concert by Ladine Roxas, Voice of Asia champion of 2000. Cricket, introduced in 1961, is the first disposable lighter in the market, and is the only lighter brand able to combine quality and fashion. It is also the only disposable lighter with a fixed flame height of a maximum 50 mm. Cricket is available in three models: Cricket Maxi, Cricket Original and Cricket Electronic.

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WARNING FROM EXPERTS

Epidemic of cardiovascular disease in RP

By Charles E. Buban

According to the World Health Organization, one-third (about 12 million) of deaths worldwide is due to cardiovascular disease (CVD).

And while there has been a significant decrease in CVD mortality rates in developed countries—male mortality fell by more than 60 percent in Japan, and 50 percent in Australia, Canada, France and the United States—the opposite is happening in developing countries in the past 10 years. Heart disease is an ever-increasing cause of mortality in developing countries, with diseases of the vascular system coming a close second.

"In fact, if we don't do anything about it, the rise is going to be of epidemic proportions in later years," warns Dr. Rody Sy, president of the Philippine Lipid Society.

"Unlike other diseases which we can readily pinpoint the cause of and eventually find a cure for, CVD is multifaceted—there are several kinds and they are influenced by so many factors," says Sy.

Although controlling the risk factors appears to be an obvious approach in dealing with the disease, the process unfortunately entails a lot of challenges.

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"Advocating good health seems to demand too many healthy habits. Yet, this is more cost-effective compared to searching for a cure. If you don't smoke, you don't have to spend on cigarettes. If you regularly walk, you don't have to spend much on transport fare. And if you eat less fatty foods, you don't have to spend on expensive 'junk' food," says Dr. Esperanza Cabral, vice president of the Philippine Society of Hypertension.

Because CVD can be deadly and sometimes strikes without warning, it's important to recognize the risk factors. For instance, heart disease is more likely in males, postmenopausal women, older adults and people with a family history of heart disease.

CVD and smoking

Smoking is the most preventable risk factor.

"Smokers have more than twice the risk for heart disease as nonsmokers and are more likely to die from a heart attack. Yet, the number of smokers here in the country is still alarmingly high especially among adults," notes Cabral.

According to a study, 46 percent of CVD sufferers have been smoking for a long time and 34 percent are "new" smokers. The same survey also points to the failure of various sectors to curb smoking hazards.

"A better information campaign is obviously needed but that entails a lot of support from various groups. For one, you will need a lot of financial assistance to support such a campaign," admits Dr. Tommy Ty Willing of the Philippine Lipid Society.

What cardiovascular disease is

CVD is the name for a group of disorders of the heart and blood vessels. These include:

- Hypertension (high blood pressure)
- Coronary heart disease (heart attack)
- Cerebrovascular disease (stroke)
- Peripheral vascular disease
- Heart failure
- Rheumatic heart disease
- Congenital heart disease
- Cardiomyopathies

Modification

Research shows that simple changes in lifestyle will mean a lot in reducing the incidence of heart disease.

Studies have found that regular exercise could reduce the incidence of heart attacks and heart diseases by 25-50 percent. People with sedentary lifestyles, both at work and during their leisure time, have higher rates of heart disease and death compared to those who exercise even in modest amounts.

"You don't have to go to a gym or become a long-distance runner. Even leisure activities such as gardening, climbing the stairs or even walking can lower the risk for heart disease," says Willing.

A high blood cholesterol level increases the risk for coronary artery disease. One way to keep it under control, according to a recent study by the US National Institutes of Health, is to reduce dietary fat intake and boost fiber consumption from vegetables, fruits and whole grains.

"Time and again we remind our patients about this, yet you see a lot of people inside fast-food restaurants eating meals that are high in fat and low in fiber. We are flooded with advertisement telling us to patronize fatty foods. Even kids are now persuading us to go to these places. It creates a great impact on them," laments Dr. Felix Eduardo Punzalan.

The doctors suggest utilizing the same medium in educating the public. But they admitted that they would need a lot of money to do this. Furthermore, such an endeavor will need not only the support of the whole medical profession but the rest of society as well.

Interesting facts on heart disease

BEFORE 1900, very few people died of heart disease. But as technology made life easier, more people became prone to heart disease.

Before, people earned a living through some sort of manual labor. People went from one place to another by walking. They climbed stairs.

But when automation set in, life became less strenuous. Modern conveniences made physical activity unnecessary. Most manual labor was either replaced or assisted by machinery. Automobiles, washing machines, elevators and vacuum cleaners became commonplace.

Along with the change in lifestyle came the change in diet. Machines were built to homogenize milk, process cheese, churn butter and make ice cream. Previously, such high-fat treats had to be made by hand such that very few of them reached the market. Today, potato chips, hamburgers, french fries and other fried food are fast becoming staples in many diets around the world.

The combination of a sedentary lifestyle and a rich diet led to an increase in clogged blood vessels, heart attacks, and strokes. Heart disease became commonplace.

The rate of heart disease increased so sharply between 1940 and 1967 that the World Health Organization called it the world's most serious epidemic.

Scientists immediately went to work to study the disease and search for its causes and cures. In 1948, a 30-year study (the Framingham Study) began in Framingham, Massachusetts that involved more than 5,000 people aged 30-62 who showed no signs of heart disease. Every two years, the participants underwent complete physical examination. The study provided priceless profile information in predicting heart disease.

Today, the causes of heart disease are known. To a certain extent, so are the cures. The field of cardiology has grown tremendously to meet the demands of the disease. Through the years, tools and techniques for treating heart disease have evolved to meet the increased need. Many of the milestones in cardiology that once seemed unreachable are now slowly being realized.

Timeline

1628—English physician William Harvey describes blood circulation.

1706—French anatomy professor Raymond de Vieussens describes the structure of the heart's chambers and vessels.

1733—English clergyman and scientist Stephen Hales measures blood pressure.

1816—French physician Rene T. H. Laennec invents the stethoscope.

1903—Dutch physiologist Willem Einthoven develops the electrocardiograph.

1912—American physician James B. Herrick describes a heart disease that is caused by a hardening of the arteries.

1938—Robert E. Gross, an American, performs a heart surgery.

1951—American surgeon Charles Hufnagel develops a plastic valve to repair an aortic valve.

1952—F. John Lewis, an American, performs a successful open-heart surgery.

1953—American surgeon John H. Gibbon uses a mechanical heart and blood purifier.

1961—American cardiologist J. R. Jude performs an external cardiac massage to restart a heart.

1965—American surgeons Michael DeBakey and Adrian Kantrowitz implant a mechanical device to help a diseased heart.

1967—South African surgeon Christiaan Barnard performs a heart transplant.

1982—American surgeon Willem DeVriesinto implants a permanent artificial heart designed by Robert Jarvik.

2001— Abiocor, the first self-contained artificial heart made of titanium and plastic, is introduced.

Charles E. Buban

Eyes give clues to one's stroke risks

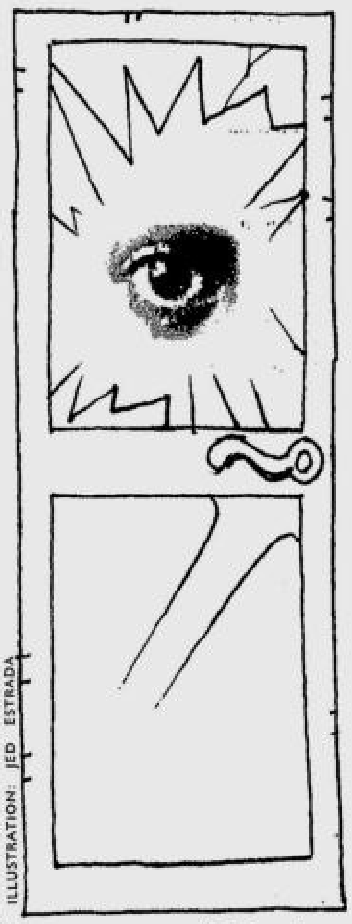
SINGAPORE—The blood vessels in the eyes can provide clues to the risks of a stroke, a Singapore doctor has discovered.

Wong Tien Yin has found that narrow blood vessels with weak walls allowing blood and fats to leak into the eyes revealed a person had a higher risk of a stroke.

Wong explained that the same carotid arteries supply blood to the brain and the eyes. Any damage to the blood vessels of the brain is also reflected in the blood vessels of the retina, the lining at the back of the eyeball.

The damage can be seen in the photographs of the eyes, and can indicate that a person has a higher chance of getting a stroke, he said.

"We found that if you have high blood pressure and retinal changes, you are almost six times as likely to develop a stroke than if you had neither," he was quoted by the Straits Times as saying.



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Wong, a medical doctor and university assistant professor, made the discovery from a study he led while working on his doctorate at Johns Hopkins University in the United States. The study covered 10,000 people, all Caucasians, who had their eyes photographed and monitored for three-and-a-half years to find out if any of them had had a stroke.

Wong said more research needed to be carried out to bolster his findings. He plans to conduct the next phase of his research later this year involving 6,000 people of different races. They will be monitored not just for stroke but for other major diseases like heart and kidney failure.

AFP

WHO lists excess weight health risks

ASIDE from type 2 diabetes, the World Health Organization lists other weight-related health problems. These are elevated cholesterol and cardiovascular health problems (CHD), certain cancers (especially bowel, endometrial and breast cancers), gall bladder disease, respiratory problems, joint diseases like osteoarthritis, infertility in women and depression.

The WHO had earlier described obesity as an epidemic.

Elevated cholesterol levels cause blockages in the arteries which increase CHD risks. High blood pressure requires the heart to work harder, increasing the risk of a heart attack. And blood pressure rises as body weight increases.

In a study involving overweight people who used the weight loss drug Xenical (Orlistat), those with type 2 diabetes reduced their health risks, allowing a significant number to reduce or stop taking medications. It also reduced elevated cholesterol rates and decreased blood pressure and heart rate.

Stress management key to healthy heart

By Tessa R. Salazar

BEFORE YOU "freak out" or get stressed over something, it helps to know what that kind of reaction does to your body.

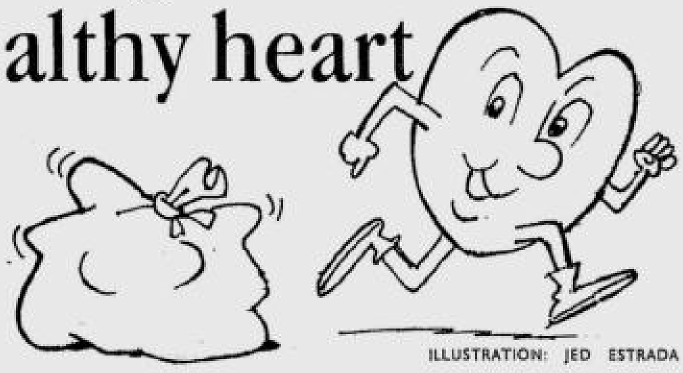
Our sensory organs sense "stressors" and bring these to the central nervous system, which reacts by secreting hormones that increase heart rate and blood pressure.

Long-term exposure to too much stress leads to muscle constriction and to constipation. Stress is also known to contribute to heart disease, high blood pressure, stroke and many other ailments.

Mental stress is a major trigger for angina, according to WebMD's Well-Connected Reports.

Acute stress, says WebMD, has been associated with a higher risk of serious cardiac events such as heart rhythm abnormalities and heart attacks, and even death for those with heart disease.

Stress also increases one's heart rate and can cause arteries to constrict, causing an obstruction in blood flow. It has also been known to signal the body to release fat into the bloodstream, temporarily raising blood cholesterol levels. In women, chronic stress is known to reduce estrogen levels.



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Stress has also been associated with other diseases such as diabetes, cancer and gastrointestinal illnesses.

The Health Resource Network Inc., a nonprofit health education organization, says stress contributes to the development of obesity, alcoholism, suicidal tendencies, drug addiction, cigarette addiction and other harmful behavior.

Management

Clinical psychologist Phebe Pendon, a consultant of the Philippine Heart Center, gives the INQUIRER a quick rundown on the ABCs of stress management.

A is for awareness, B for balance and C for control, confidence or commitment.

Awareness means asking yourself the following: "Is there excessive, unnecessary stress in my life?" "What are these?" "Do I want to reduce these stressors?"

Pendon says people should look at all possible sources of stress. These could include coping with new situations, extreme demands and threats to one's self-esteem, or more particular conditions like dealing with a child's tantrums, having to attend certain meetings or confronting an unfaithful husband.

The next step is Balance.

If you have determined that you have unnecessary stress, you must do something to balance it to attain emotional stability. This includes changing the stressors, changing your attitude or your reaction to a particular situation and then learning to relax.

The third step is control or commitment.

Controlling the situation one is in and coping with it and having the confidence or competence to do things is essential to stress management. Commitment may also be necessary because once a person knows how to commit, there are other people committed to help him sort out his problems.

New guidelines on flu, colds

NEW YORK—The American Lung Association (ALA) has released new guidelines for the prevention and treatment of influenza and the common cold.

The updated guidelines contain important information about how influenza (flu) and colds are transmitted, how they can be prevented and what treatment options are available.

"Influenza and the common cold are among the most common respiratory infections. Because people often confuse the two illnesses, it is important to educate the public about them," said former ALA president Dr. Linda Ford.

Flu symptoms often appear suddenly and include fever, cough, muscle aches, headaches, sore throat, chills and tiredness. The symptoms are more severe than those of colds and can be fatal in the elderly and people with lung disease or a weak immune system.

A cold is a minor infection with symptoms usually confined in the nose and throat.

The updated guidelines encourage people to get a flu shot and to see a doctor immediately at the onset of flu symptoms (within two days).

The guidelines provide valuable information about new antiviral medications, like Tamiflu, that can reduce the duration of the illness and the severity of symptoms. Oseltamivir (Tamiflu) is currently the most commonly prescribed medication for influenza in the United States because it has only mild side effects and does not harm patients with asthma.

Guidelines are available at www.lungusa.org.

Estrogen supplements linked to breast cancer

CHICAGO—A new study adds to the growing body of evidence that recent, long-term use of hormone supplements after menopause may increase the risk of breast cancer.

Women who have taken estrogen alone or estrogen plus progestin for at least five of the past six years were about 70 percent more likely than nonusers to develop breast cancer, the study found.

The increased risk was about 50 percent for developing ductal cancer—which occurs in the milk ducts—and about threefold for developing lobular tumors, which form in the milk-producing glands and account for about 10 percent of all breast cancer cases.

The study further complicates the complex question of whether to take hormones after menopause.

Estrogen supplements are taken by millions of women to ease hot flashes, brittle bones and other symptoms of menopause.

For years, doctors also thought the hormones ward off heart attacks, but more recent studies have challenged that belief. Another recent study questioned whether they are effective in improving a woman's mood and energy level.

The latest study is in line with recent research linking long-term hormone use with breast cancer. However, it lacked information on the participants' habits that could influence breast cancer risk—including alcohol use, physical activity and breast-feeding.

The study was published in the Journal of the American Medical Association and was led by researchers from the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle.

Eugenia Calle, the American Cancer Society's director of analytic epidemiology, said the latest findings are consistent with other research suggesting little increased risk of breast cancer for hormone use of under five years or long-term use in the distant past.

Most women who take hormones do so for less than five years, said Dr. Eric Bieber, chair of obstetrics and gynecology at Geisinger Health Systems in Danville, Pennsylvania.

Bieber questioned the study results based on the scant data.

"I don't think it's a settled issue," he said. *AP*

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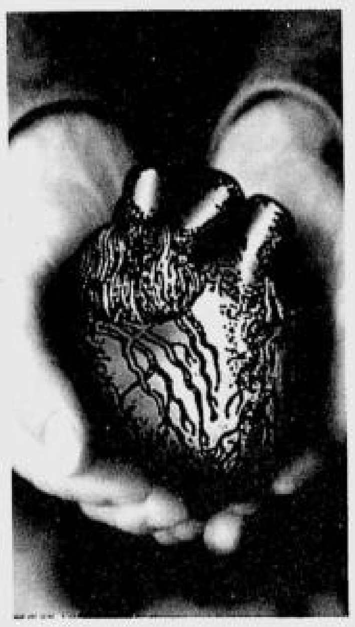

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Jacob, Kaimo host Generation E Knowledge Kamp at Glorietta park

MEAD Johnson Philippines, makers of the brain-building line of milk formulas, will be staging at 3 p.m. today the "Generation E Knowledge Kamp," a fun and exciting event for raising smarter, healthier and more active children.

To be held at the Glorietta 4 Park in Makati City, the "General E Knowledge Kamp" will introduce breakthrough concepts in child nutrition through the Generation-E System—-Smart Nutrition, Smart Symphonies and Smart Play. The Generation-E System is designed to expand knowledge, make children extra-smart and enhance their brain development through various entertaining and stimulating celebrity-filled activities.

TV personalities Christine Jacob and Mari Kaimo will serve as Knowledge Kamp smart-hosts. They will guide the audience along several production numbers that fall under the three categories comprising the Generation-E System, an excellent route to advanced brain development for children.

Exemplifying Smart Nutrition will be a group of kiddie performers who will demonstrate their talents in dancing and singing, as well as their advanced intellectual skills.

For Smart Symphonies, a renowned musical composer will act as maestro and expound on the astonishing nature of child proteges, displaying his piano prowess with a magnificent concerto that he will perform alongside a child pianist.

A full Smart Symphonies Orchestra composed of talented kids will also astound the audience with three classical numbers by famous composers Vivaldi and Bach.

Smart Play will focus on visual stimulation beginning with a fashion show, which will feature several male and female children on the ramp with notable model parents and other celebrities.

Also on hand will be a special toy demonstration, in which modules will be given to the audience to make everyone more aware about the importance of letting children play with "smart" or mentally stimulating toys.

All these programs and more are aimed to promote the development of Generation E, which is the new generation of children growing up in a more advanced and competitive world. Described as endearing, exceptional and extra-smart, they are nourished and empowered from their earliest infant stage with specific combinations of smart nutrition by parents who understand the importance of optimum brain development.

Optimum brain development might be achieved through supplementation of DHA (Docosahexenoic Acid). A long chain of polyunsaturated fatty acid, DHA is identified as a primary building block of the human brain tissue, and is adequately supplied by Mead Johnson Philippines in its milk formulas such as Enfagrow, for 1-3 years old, and Enfakid, for children 3-6 years old.

All parents are invited to share and enjoy with their children the many insights, surprises, and activities that will happen at the "General E Knowledge Kamp."

More palindromes, please

EUREKA!

Queena N. Lee-Chua

ANAGRAMS (where letters or digits can be jumbled in different ways) and palindromes (where sentences, words or numbers are the same whether read forward or backward) in my May 26, 2001 column drew the interest of a number of readers.

From Joahnna Faye Seno of Cebu City [jowee@hikers.ph]:

I had actually solved palindromes even before I read your column. My cousin from California called up last week about my nephew's assignment on computing number palindromes. I wasn't able to help her until I solved them last night: 22 x 11 = 242, etc.

The equations were simple but I was overwhelmed by them since I am not a math person. I'm more science-oriented (memory recall) and slow in calculating numbers so I got really excited when you included word anagrams in your column. I enjoy reading the responses of people to your mathematical problems. I envy them. But now, it's my turn to have a say.

My choices from http://freenet.buffalo.edu/~cd431/pal_connection.html are:

Palindromes:

1. Cigar? Toss it in a can, it is so tragic.
2. Damn! I, Agassi, miss again! Mad!
3. Desserts, I stressed!
4. Draw pupil's lip upward.
5. Dumb mobs bomb mud.
6. Ma is as selfless as I am.
7. We panic in a pew.
8. Saw tide rose? So red it was.
9. Some men interpret nine memos.
10. Too hot to hoot

Anagrams:

1. Circumstantial evidence = can ruin a selected victim.
2. A stitch in time saves nine = this is meant as incentive.
3. Victoria, England's Queen = governs a nice quiet land.
4. Parishioners = I hire parsons.
5. Intoxicate = excitation.
6. Schoolmaster = the classroom.
7. Alec Guinness = genuine class.
8. Semolina = is no meal.
9. Princess Diana = end is a car spin.
10. Year Two Thousand = a year to shut down.

More power to your knowledge-laden column. Thanks.

Thank you for your contribution, and for alerting us to the link. Isn't it eerie that the 9th anagram happens to be true, and isn't it a relief that, despite much hype, the 10th did not materialize?

Noel Martin (noelmartin@hotmail.com) contributes the following:

I am a systems analyst in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. I read your column on anagrams and I thought you would find the anagrams below interesting.

1. united - untied
2. dimple - limped
3. sister - resist
4. teachers - cheaters
5. senator - treason
6. drawback - backward
7. salesman - nameless
8. plates - staple
9. Hillary Clinton - only I can thrill
10. Sadam Hussein - humans sad side

All the best.

Thank you for your contribution, and keep them coming.

The following is a tongue-in-cheek "proof" e-mailed by my friend Rommel Tiongco, who is now living the good life abroad (rommel.tiongco@sap.com):

We will now prove that girls are evil.

First we state the girls require time and money. GIRLS = TIME x MONEY

As we all know, time is money. TIME = MONEY.

Therefore, GIRLS = MONEY x MONEY = $(\text{MONEY})^2$

But money is the root of all evil. MONEY = $\sqrt{\text{EVIL}}$

Therefore, GIRLS = $(\sqrt{\text{EVIL}})^2$

And we are forced to conclude that: GIRLS = /EVIL/.

Of course, we can always substitute other nouns for "girls."

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Jac Vidgen, an Australian-trained Buteyko practitioner based in Bangkok and working in the Asian region, is here to give lectures followed by some workshops.

Schedules are as follows: workshops (weekdays, 6-8 p.m.; weekends, 4-6 p.m.)—Kinderhaus, Feb. 18, 25; Loyola Heights, Feb. 16, 17, 22, 27; Earthlite, Feb. 19, 20, 21, 26, Mar. 4; Makati, Feb. 28, March 1, 2, 5, 7.

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Fighting atherosclerosis

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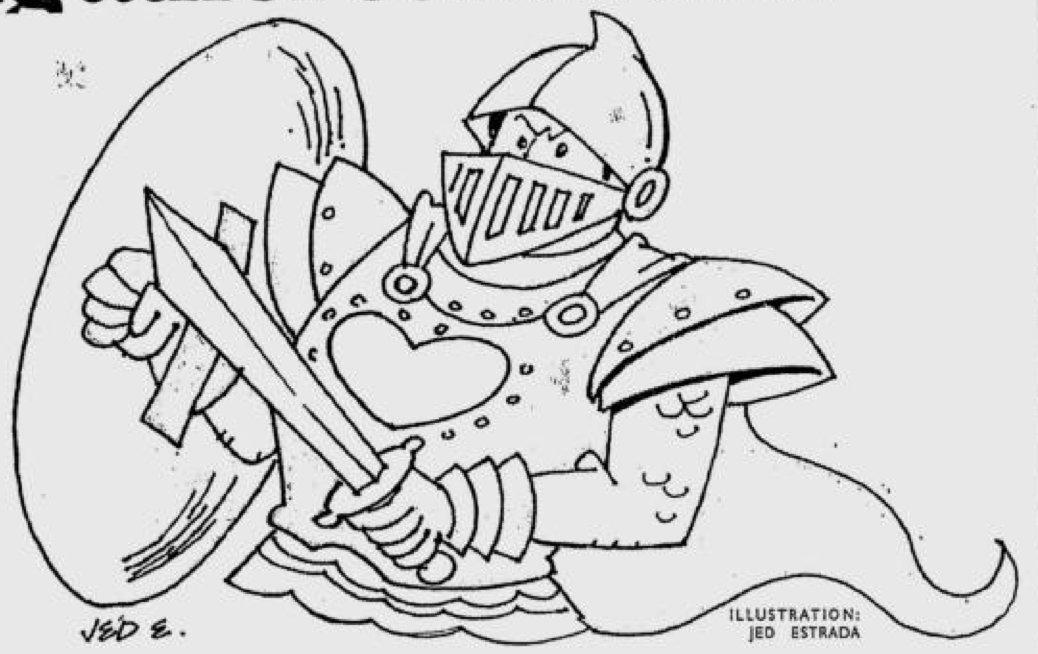
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ATHEROSCLEROSIS-RELATED diseases remain the bane both in developed and developing countries today. Medical experts fear a dreadful scenario of an epidemic of cardiovascular diseases (CVD), with heart attacks, strokes, peripheral arterial disease and other complications of atherosclerosis taking a serious toll on humanity.

On the local front, the trend is not encouraging. CVD is now the leading cause of death, surpassing infections, cancers and other diseases.

"This calls for a concerted effort by the medical community to achieve not only prompt treatment of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ACD), but active prevention of the problem by properly addressing the risk factors," says Dr. Gregorio Patacsil, president of the Philippine Society of Hypertension (PSH).

Alliance

The PSH and its sister society, the Philippine Lipid Society (PLS), have forged an alliance with other allied organizations and the Department of Health to address the effective prevention and treatment of ACD.

Two major risk factors that cause ACD are high blood pressure and lipids and abnormal cholesterol levels.

"They may coexist and may be present with other risk factors such as diabetes mellitus and obesity," explains Dr. Rody Sy, PLS president.

Key factor

Local medical experts believe a sustained and concerted public information campaign is the key factor in winning the battle against atherosclerosis. The PLS and the PSH, in coordination with the Philippine Heart Association, regularly provide updated information to physicians, health professionals and the public on the prevention and treatment of ACD.

The alliance believes that for a preventive health education campaign to be effective, it must focus on the family where lifestyle practices are developed and reinforced.

"It is basically a family affair which eventually extends to the community," says Dr. Ramon Abarquez Jr., a former PSH president.

Multisectoral

The alliance believes that multisectoral participation and cooperation is the best way to stem the rapidly increasing prevalence, risks and complications of ACD.

Other medical societies actively involved in the fight against atherosclerosis are the Philippine Diabetes Association, Philippine Association for the Study of Overweight and Obesity, Stroke Society of the Philippines, Institute for the Study of Diabetes, Philippine Society of Endocrinology and Metabolism, Philippine College of Physicians and the Nutritionists and Dieticians Association of the Philippines.

Study shows safety and efficacy of anti-cholesterol drug

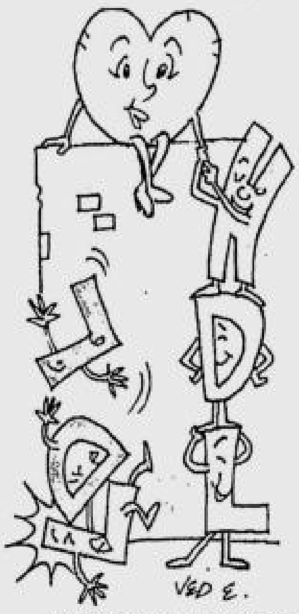
IT is now well established that elevated levels of low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL), also known as the bad cholesterol, promotes the narrowing of the blood vessels called atherosclerosis. Similarly, decreased levels of the high-density lipopotein (HDL) or the good cholesterol is associated with the development of atherosclerosis-related complications.

Scientific studies have shown that cardiovascular complications and deaths may be favorably enhanced by lowering total cholesterol and LDL, and increasing HDL cholesterol.

The dramatic increase in the number of people with atherosclerosis-related diseases and complications such as heart attack and stroke both in developed and developing societies is pushing the medical community to work double time to find a "wonder drug" that can counter the current trend. So far, the most promising medication is a group of drugs known as statins.

Effective

A large-scale study done in 1987-2001 in 9,000 patients and recently published in the prestigious American Journal of Cardiology established the efficacy of a member of the statin family, fluvastatin. This particular study together with other studies have shown improvement of lipid parameters by reducing LDL-cholesterol by 38 percent, triglyceride by 31 percent, while raising levels of beneficial HDL cholesterol by up to 21 percent.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Safe

The study also demonstrated the safety profile of fluvastatin as similar to that of placebo or inactive treatment. This is based from the analysis of creatine phosphokinase (CPK) safety data in the 9,000 patients enrolled in the study.

"This is a key finding," said co-author Dr. Jonathon Isaacsohn, from Cincinnati Ohio. "Statins have proved generally well tolerated and have a favorable safety profile, but there may be significant differences between them. Our analysis of CPK elevations in these clinical trials shows that fluvastatin has a very favorable safety profile." The investigators added that there were no cases of rhabdomyolysis, which is the most dreaded complication of statins.

Cardiovascular congress opens

By Charles E. Buban

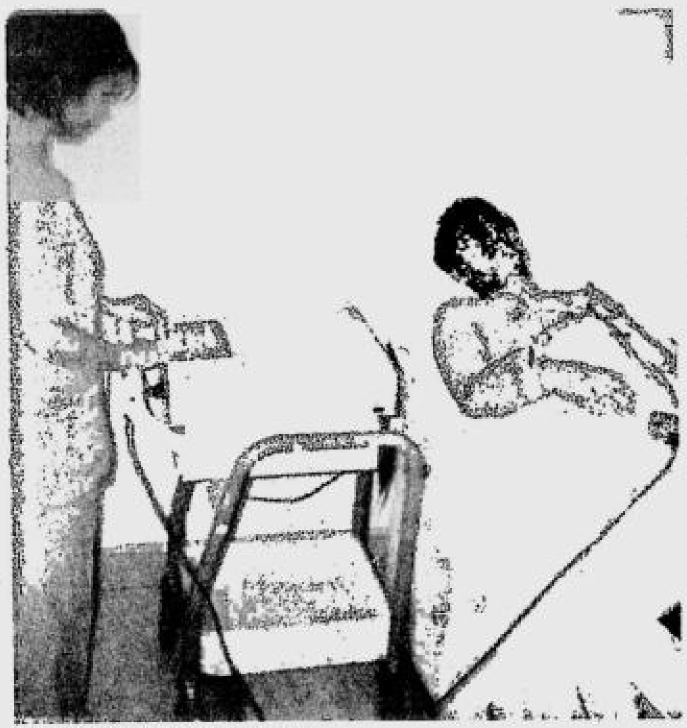
THE THIRD Congress of the Asia-Pacific Society of Atherosclerosis and Vascular Diseases opens at Cebu's Waterfront Hotel tomorrow.

The convention coincides with the 50th anniversary of the Philippine Hearth Association and will showcase 15 symposiums and nine plenary sessions.

Dr. Rody Sy, chair of the organizing committee, said they chose "Alliance against atherosclerosis" as this year's convention theme because Asia-Pacific medical societies and institutions felt the need to pool their resources in dealing with the increasing number of cardiovascular disease cases in the region.

Several local and foreign speakers have been invited to the four-day event hosted by the Philippine Lipid Society and the Philippine Society of Hypertension. Among the topics are the prevalence of stroke in Asia Pacific, challenges in the prevention of atherosclerosis, lipid-lowering drugs and cardiovascular care updates.

Young doctors and medical researchers will also present papers on atherosclerosis, among other topics. A best presentation award will be given during the Young Investigator's Forum.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An electrocardiogram test is a noninvasive test that records the electrical activity of the heart to detect any abnormalities that may lead to heart diseases. This and other comprehensive tests that can help a person lower his risks for heart diseases are offered by Healthway Medical Clinics, the country's first network of clinics to be ISO 9001:2000 certified.

Exercise good for arteries

WASHINGTON—Exercise not only loosens the muscles and clears the mind but also makes the arteries more elastic and less prone to hardening.

Even people in their 90s showed the beneficial effects of moving around their homes and neighborhoods, said researchers at the University of Pittsburgh.

It was not so much conscious exercise as generally being active that seemed to confer the benefits, said Rachel Mackey, who studies the patterns of heart disease.

"Just moving around the house was associated with less arterial stiffness," said Mackey, who led the study. "The take-home message is that you don't have to expect that you are going to function terribly in old age."

Arterial stiffness

Many studies have shown that as people get older, their arteries get stiffer. This condition, known commonly as hardening of the arteries, is different from the process that causes blocked arteries but it can also lead to heart disease and death.

"Most people don't understand that arterial stiffness is something distinct from the building up of plaque in the arteries," Mackey said. "The building up of plaque clearly is related to cholesterol and other lipids (fats) in the blood."

"When the heart beats, it creates a pressure wave and we are measuring those pressure waveforms," Mackey said. "They travel faster in a stiffer artery."

2 ways

Exercise can affect the walls of the arteries in two ways, she said. For one, the walls just wear out the more the heart beats.

Although heart rate goes up temporarily during activity, people who are frequently active have a lower overall heart rate. Athletes have the lowest heart rates of all.

And exercise lowers glucose levels.

Glucose, or blood sugar, can chemically interact with the walls of the blood vessels, damaging them and causing them to stiffen.

This also explains why slender people can have heart disease.

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MEDICAL FILES

Atherosclerosis and the metabolic syndrome

By Rafael R. Castillo, MD

ATHEROSCLEROSIS or the progressive narrowing of the blood vessels, is the primary mechanism for heart diseases and stroke. It results from the interaction of multiple genetic and environmental risk factors. Although, at this stage, one may say that we are basking in the light of new medical findings which lend us a better understanding of the atherosclerotic disease process, so many questions remain incompletely answered.

"This highlights the complexity of the disease as reflected by the many cardiovascular risk factors and pathophysiologic mechanisms associated with atherosclerotic cardiovascular diseases," says Dr. Rody Sy, overall chair of the forthcoming 3rd Congress of the Asian Pacific Society of Atherosclerosis and Vascular Diseases (APSAVD), to be held at the Waterfront Convention Center in Cebu City on Feb. 17-20.

A case in point is that of Edwin T., a 26-year-old computer programmer, who decided to stop by the emergency room (ER) of the Manila Doctor's Hospital for what seemed was a bum stomach after a few rounds of drinks with his friends. He merely asked for an antacid or something to relieve his "gastric upset."

Cluster of findings

The ER physician however took note that Edwin was obese (220 lb), his blood pressure was 160/100; his recent laboratory tests the results of which he brought showed elevated blood sugar, triglyceride and a low high-density lipoprotein or HDL which is the good cholesterol. This cluster of findings drew the suspicion of the doctor and he requested for an electrocardiogram. It showed an evolving heart attack in the inferior portion of the heart, which occasionally may simulate the symptoms of a bum stomach.

The clustering of risk factors such as high blood pressure, diabetes, cholesterol abnormalities and obesity has caught the interest of many medical researchers. Multiple metabolic derangements have been identified in patients with heart attacks and stroke, and the interaction of these metabolic abnormalities is believed to be responsible for accelerating the atherosclerotic process.

Of particular interest is the Insulin-resistance Syndrome (IRS), also called by some as the Metabolic Syndrome (MS). This syndrome is characterized by the presence of increased level of and resistance to insulin, obesity, decreased HDL, elevated triglyceride, hypertension and decreased ability to dissolve a blood clot. IRS or MS has been associated with an increased risk of atherosclerotic heart disease.

Insulin resistance has been associated with endothelial dysfunction, an abnormality in the inner lining of the blood vessels which is now known to be the basic mechanism that triggers the cascade of events leading to atherosclerosis. A consequence of IRS or MS is reduced synthesis of the protective endothelium-derived relaxing factor (EDRF) making the blood vessels prone to a constrictive narrowing of its lumen and to the development of endothelial dysfunction.

Clinical recognition

In clinical practice, the National Cholesterol Education Program (Adult Treatment Panel III) in the United States has recommended practical guidelines in the identification of patients with the MS. The syndrome is diagnosed if any three of the following abnormalities are present:

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- **Abdominal obesity** defined as waist circumference of more than 102 cm (40 inches) in men and 88 cm (35 in.) in women
- **Serum triglyceride** level = or > 150 ma/ dL
- **HDL** < 40 ma/ dL in men, and < 50 ma/ dL in women
- **Blood pressure** > 130/85 mmHg
- **FBS** = or > 110 ma/ dL

Physicians are now encouraged by most guidelines to treat not only elevated LDL (bad cholesterol), but also low HDL, high triglycerides and blood pressures—all components of the metabolic syndrome—more aggressively both by therapeutic lifestyle changes (TLC) and drug therapy until target levels are attained.

Prevalence of metabolic syndrome

Insulin resistance is common in patients with metabolic disorders and is found in the vast majority of those with multiple metabolic disorders. Various researchers have found insulin resistance in the following percentage of patients:

- 66 percent in subjects with impaired glucose tolerance
- 84 percent in those with non-insulin diabetes mellitus (NIDDM)
- 54 percent in patients with high cholesterol
- 84 percent in those with high triglycerides
- 88 percent in subjects with low HDL cholesterol
- 63 percent in patients with elevated uric acid levels
- 58 percent in those with hypertension

Another interesting finding in most researches was that in individuals with combined metabolic disorders, nearly all demonstrated insulin resistance. In particular, high triglyceride and low HDL cholesterol almost never occurred as isolated disorders, and were associated with insulin resistance in nearly 100 percent of cases.

Predictors of metabolic syndrome

Varying correlations emerged between different measures of obesity and insulin resistance. There is a slight disagreement by authors as to which marker of overall obesity was a more powerful predictor of the metabolic syndrome. Some consider the body-mass index (BMI) as a slightly more powerful predictor than the waist-hip (WH) ratio, which is contrary to earlier findings

In some studies, the most powerful predictor of the metabolic syndrome was waist circumference (WC). According to these data, a WC over 100 centimeter or nearly 40 inches was most likely to be associated with the metabolic abnormalities, being approximately similar in men and women. The NCEP ATP III now recommends the WC but with a different cut-off value for men and women (40 inches for men and 35 inches for women).

Management implications

Recognition of the metabolic syndrome should influence the way physicians evaluate and manage patients with atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease. Taskinen in 1993 proposed that the diagnosis of any one of the multiple metabolic abnormalities should be an indication to screen for the other components. Considering the prevalence of the MS, high-risk groups should be targeted in the screening, such as hypertensives, patients with non-insulin diabetes mellitus (NIDDM), overweight subjects with abdominal obesity, first-degree relatives of diabetics and patients with primary hypertriglyceridemia. As early as 1993, Taskinen deemed it prudent to diagnose the MS if three or more of the biochemical measures and other markers were present, including blood pressure, body fat distribution, total cholesterol, HDL cholesterol, triglyceride, glucose and uric acid.

In terms of therapeutic consideration, some drugs may be preferred over others in patients diagnosed to have the metabolic syndrome. The newer oral hypoglycemic agents such as the thizolinediones and metformin have beneficial effects on cardiovascular tissues that may ameliorate diabetic cardiovascular disease.

There are now increasing data showing the favorable effects of angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors (ACEI) and angiotensin receptor blockers (ARB) in patients with the metabolic syndrome, even in those without elevated blood pressures. The beneficial effects of ACEIs and ARBs have extended beyond blood-pressure lowering and are now accepted indications for other complications associated with the metabolic syndrome such as coronary artery disease which may lead to heart attacks, and diabetic nephropathy which may be a cause of kidney failure.

In sum, the metabolic cluster of abnormalities should always be at the back of one's mind whenever one deals with a hypertensive, diabetic, obese or any patient with atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease. The concept of total risk assessment dictates that the physician should always screen for these metabolic derangements in high-risk patients and consider the therapeutic rationale of some drugs in preventing the serious complications of the metabolic syndrome.

(For other queries on the APSAVD congress in Cebu, one may call up the secretariat at (632) 687-2841 and 687-7073 or e-mail at philipi@pworld.net.ph.)

3rd CONGRESS OF THE ASIAN PACIFIC SOCIETY OF ATHEROSCLEROSIS AND VASCULAR DISEASES

February 17-20, 2002 ◆ Waterfront Cebu City Hotel, Cebu International Convention Center, Cebu City

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Allow me to extend my warmest greetings to the organizers of and participants to the 3rd *Congress of the Asian Pacific Society of Atherosclerosis and Vascular Diseases* as hosted by the **Philippine Lipid Society (PLS)** in cooperation with the **Philippine Society of Hypertension (PSH).**

I congratulate the PLS and the PSH for hosting this momentous event that aims to broaden the ongoing studies on atherosclerosis and other vascular diseases in the Asia Pacific region. I welcome all foreign delegates, some of the world's leading experts in atherosclerosis research and practice, to the country for this most significant meeting.

This year's convention with the theme, *"Alliance Against Atherosclerosis"*, manifests the commitment of stakeholders in the region to intensify vascular disease research and treatment. This comes at a crucial time when recent advances in information and communications technology have allowed developments in medical research and technology to advance at a previously unrealized pace. Indeed, significant progress has now been made as the war against heart diseases has taken on new fronts. This affair will certainly create better opportunities for pioneering atherosclerosis specialists in whose hands the key to coping with vascular diseases lie, and for the families whose loved ones are afflicted to better understand its nature and possible therapy.

As we revitalize the campaign to ensure better health in the 21st century , may you find innovations in disease detection within the grounds of ethical and prudent use of technology. I therefore enjoin all the participants to help in achieving this noble objective so that the task of giving more health benefits to our people can be realized.

I wish the success of this event. *Mabuhay kayong lahat !*

GMArroyo

GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
President
Republic of the Philippines

Cardiovascular disease is still the leading cause of cardiovascular death in most parts of the world. Many research laboratories in many countries worldwide have contributed greatly toward a better understanding of lipoprotein metabolism. This improved knowledge has led to the development of new hypolipidemic drugs, which may eventually serve as additional tools to lower individual coronary risk. Recently, shifts in disease patterns have been noticed as evidenced by differences between Eastern and Western cultures. There has been an alarming increase in coronary heart disease in most Asian countries due to elevated cholesterol levels. In part, this has been attributed to changed lifestyles and altered dietary habits.

Therefore, it is of the utmost importance that international meetings such as this congress be held, offering researchers and practitioners the opportunity to exchange current ideas on approaches and solutions and to target future goals. Its theme "Alliance Against Atherosclerosis" stands for the international cooperation needed to surmount this threatening disease. In my capacity as President of the International Atherosclerosis Society, I would like to wish all participants a successful meeting that yields fruitful discussions, provides educational insights, and enables a clear grasp of the tasks that lie ahead.

HEINER GRETEN, M.D.
President
International Atherosclerosis Society

I would like to convey my warmest greetings to the organizers and participants of the 3rd Congress of the Asian Pacific Society of Atherosclerosis and Vascular Disease on February 17-21, 2002.

First of all, I would like to congratulate the Philippine Lipid Society and the Philippine Society of Hypertension for hosting this significant international event that will bring together in our country local and foreign experts in the field of cardiovascular medicine.

The escalating burden of cardiovascular diseases in our country and worldwide brings to fore the need for various stakeholders to update themselves with the current trends in the prevention and control of these illnesses, while applying those strategies that are deemed appropriate according to our culture, our socioeconomic state and level of technology.

As we discuss new trends and technologies in the diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular illnesses in this Congress, we also need to ensure that issues confronting the other building blocks of the health system such health insurance, health regulation, local health systems development, public health and hospital services are adequately addressed.

The Department of Health appreciates your society's efforts to bring the quality of cardiovascular care in the country to a higher level. Together, let us work towards making the vision of a just, equitable and responsive health care system a reality.

Congratulations and *Mabuhay kayong lahat!*

MANUEL DAYRIT, M.D., MSc.
Secretary
Department of Health

Welcome to Cebu, Philippines, for the 3rd Congress of the Asian Pacific Society of Atherosclerosis and Vascular Diseases.

Since 1995 this Society, which has members from 15 countries in the Asian Pacific region, has conducted scientific meetings and courses throughout the region. We aim to determine the magnitude of the cardiovascular disease problem, to understand the relevant risk factors, especially those specifically important in our region such as diabetes and smoking, and to encourage prevention and treatment. Without a major commitment by all of us and our Governments there will be a major epidemic of cardiovascular disease and particularly of coronary heart disease and diabetes in this part of the world, which numbers 3 billion inhabitants, half of the world's population. This epidemic could dwarf that already observed in the West and more recently in Eastern Europe.

Please enjoy the scientific presentations at this Congress, the hospitality of our Philippine hosts and make new friends to bind us together in the *"Alliance Against Atherosclerosis"*.

Edward

EDWARD D. JANUS, M.D., PhD.
President
Asian Pacific Society of Atherosclerosis and Vascular Diseases

The Philippines is very honored to be given this opportunity to host the Third Congress of the Asian Pacific Society of Atherosclerosis and Vascular Diseases. Although the Philippine Lipid Society and the Philippine Society of Hypertension are the lead societies in the organization, the overwhelming support we got from the other societies, namely the Philippine Heart Association (National Organization and Cebu Chapter), Cebu Medical Society and Philippine Diabetes Association truly made this a meaningful joint venture. We are very grateful to all the speakers, especially overseas, who standby their commitment to come and share their expertise despite the prevailing fear of international terrorism. We also appreciate very much the magnanimous contributions provided by the pharmaceutical and related industries thru their participation in the exhibits and industry-sponsored satellite events. Of course, we thank every delegate in coming to this Congress as you are the ultimate ingredient in our quest for a successful meeting. So, let us join hands in the fight against Atherosclerosis and live up to our theme – *"Alliance Against Atherosclerosis"*, not just in the next four days but as a continuous commitment of cooperation.

RODY G. SY, M.D.
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7:30	REGISTRATION			**PLS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING / LAUNCHING OF PLS/PSH WEBSITE** *(Executive Boardroom 3)*		
8:00			**PRE-CONGRESS PROGRAM** SANOFI-SYNTHELABO *(Grand Ballroom)* SESSION I Role of LMWHs in the Management of ACS SESSION II Redefining the Treatment for Atherothrombotic Patients: From Acute to Long-Term Management SESSION III Latest Update on Cardiac Arrhythmia Management SESSION IV Prime Solution for Diabetic Hypertension Complicated Diabetes	**PLENARY SESSION 1** *(Grand Ballroom)* • Lipid Lowering Drugs in the Prevention and Therapy of Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke • Challenges in the Prevention of Atherosclerosis in the Asian Pacific Region	**PLENARY SESSION 4** *(Grand Ballroom)* • APSAVD Special Lecture: "Genetics and Vascular Risk"	**PLENARY SESSION 7** *(Grand Ballroom)* • Clinical Usefulness of Plaque Imaging Techniques • Can Vitamins and Supplements Prevent or Reduce Atherosclerosis?
8:30		**ASIAN PACIFIC SOCIETY OF ATHEROSCLEROSIS AND VASCULAR DISEASES WORKSHOP:** *(Function Room 1, 2 & 3)* *(This workshop is supported thru an unrestricted educational grant from Pfizer, Inc. and UP-PGH Lipid Research Center.)* **"FROM TRIAL EVIDENCE TO INDIVIDUAL DECISION MAKING IN CLINICAL TRIALS"** **Topics include:** • Clinical trials - getting and applying the best evidence • Constructing and analyzing decision trees • Critical appraisal of systematic reviews • Economic evaluation in health care • Applying trial results to individual patients **Faculty:** **NHMRC Clinical Trials Centre The University of Sydney, Australia** *Dr. John Simes* *Ms. Gemma Ritchie* *Dr. Kristen Howard* *Dr. Anthony Keech* *Dr. Ian Marschener* **Local:** *Dr. Rody Sy* *Dr. Bernadette Tumanan-Mendoza* *Dr. Felix Eduardo Punzalan* *Dr. Eugene Reyes* *Dr. Francisco Tranquilino* *Ms. Maria Vanessa Villarruz, R.N.* **Regional:** *Prof. Edward Janus*				
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9:30				**PLENARY SESSION 2** *(Grand Ballroom)* • Mechanisms Behind Plaque Rupture • Oxidized Low Density Lipoprotein and Role in Vascular Biology	**PLENARY SESSION 5** *(Grand Ballroom)* • Current Stage of Genome Search for Risk Factors of Atherosclerosis • Gene Therapy for Myocardial Angiogenesis	**PLENARY SESSION 8** *(Grand Ballroom)* • Smoking Patterns Among Coronary Events Survivors in Asia-Pacific • Tobacco & Cardiovascular Diseases: The Global Picture & Current Initiatives
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10:30				COFFEE BREAK / VISIT THE EXHIBITS	COFFEE BREAK / VISIT THE EXHIBITS	COFFEE BREAK / VISIT THE EXHIBITS
11:00				**CONGRESS SYMPOSIA** **CS 1** *(Grand Ballroom)* Frontiers in Atherosclerosis **CS 2** *(Function Rm. 3)* Endothelium - An Often Neglected Organ **CS 3** *(Executive Boardroom 3)* Epidemiology of Atherosclerosis	**CONGRESS SYMPOSIA** **CS 7** *(Grand Ballroom)* Obesity - Does It Deserve Another Look? **CS 8** *(Function Room 3)* Genetics of Hyperlipidemia and Effect of Environmental Factors **CS 9** *(Exec. Brd Rm. 3)* Highlights on Hypertension	**CONGRESS SYMPOSIA** **CS 12** *(Grand Ballroom)* Atherosclerosis in Women **CS 13** *(Function Rm 3)* Update on Cardiovascular Care **YOUNG INVESTIGATOR'S FORUM** *(Exe. Brdrm 3)*
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15:00					**PLENARY SESSION 6** *(Grand Ballroom)* • Mitochondrial Genome & Metabolic Syndrome: A Hidden Connection	
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16:00				**CONGRESS SYMPOSIA** **CS 4** *(Grand Ballroom)* Diabetes and Cardiovascular Diseases **CS 5** *(Function Rm 3)* Multiple Facet of Atherosclerosis **CS 6** *(Exe. Brdm 3)* Regional Collaborative Work - Let Us Share and Work Together	**CONGRESS SYMPOSIA** **CS 10** *(Grand Ballroom)* Lipoprotein Metabolism **CS 11** *(Function Rm 3)* Dietary Issues of Great Concern **FREE PAPER ORAL PRESENTATION** *(Executive Board Room)*	**CONGRESS SYMPOSIA** **CS 14** *(Grand Ballroom)* Pharmacotherapy of Dyslipidemia **CS 15** *(Function Rm 3)* Update on Peripheral Arterial Diseases **FREE PAPER ORAL PRESENTATION** *(Executive Board Room)*
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17:00			**OPENING OF EXHIBITS** *(Exhibition Hall 2)*			
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18:00			**WELCOME RECEPTION** *(Grand Ballroom)*	**INDUSTRY ORGANIZED DINNER SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM** **Novartis Health Care System** *(Grand Ballroom)*	**PSH ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**	**CLOSING CEREMONIES** *(Grand Ballroom)*
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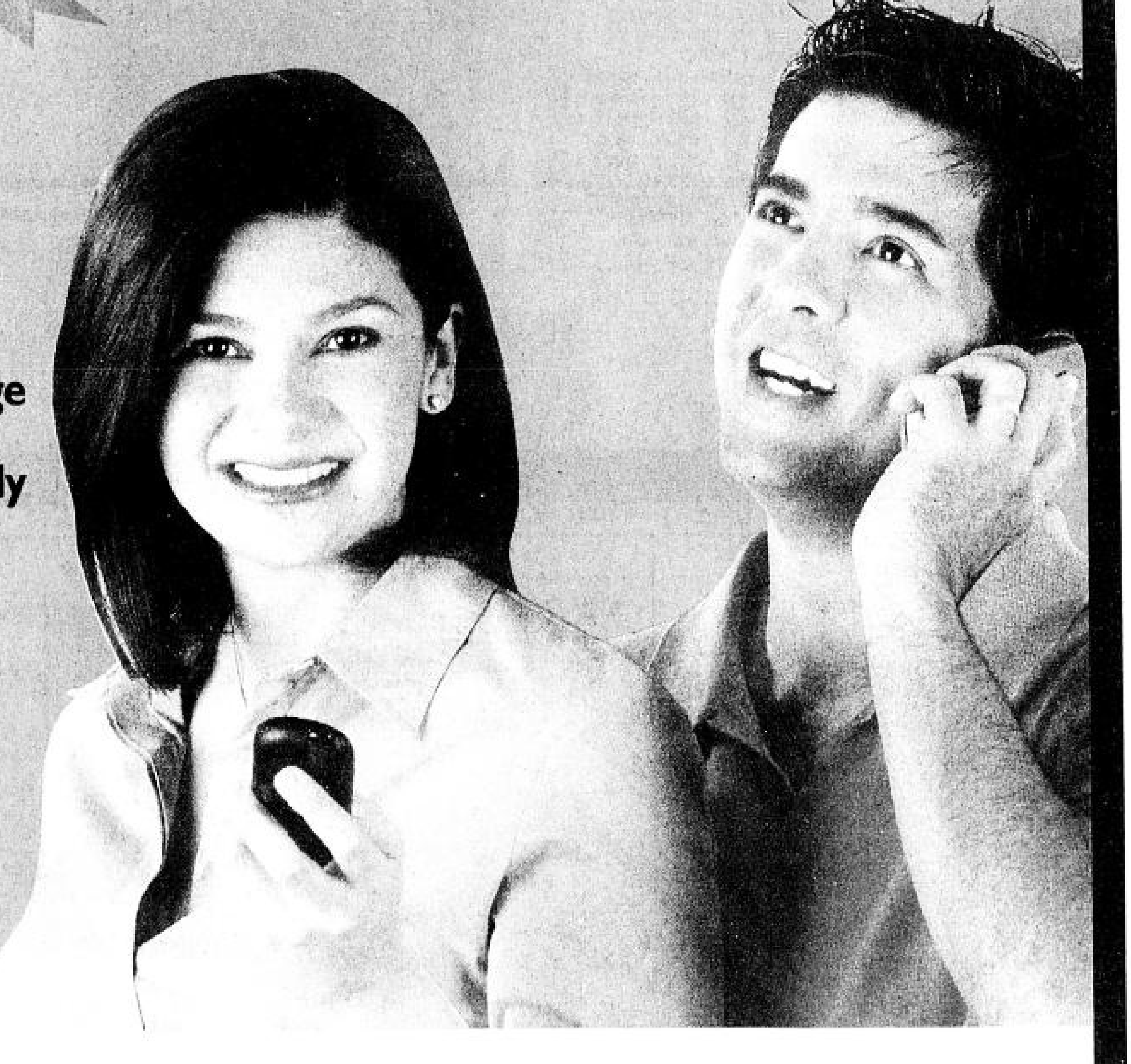

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Jim Carrey discovers life's majesty

Hollywood's resident chameleon tackles new territory and turns serious in his new, critically-acclaimed film, directed by Frank Darabont

CARREY. Mistaken for someone he never knew.

RUBBER-FACED chameleon Jim Carrey is tackling serious territory in his new, critcally-acclaimed film, "The Majestic" from Warner Bros.

Directed by Frank Darabont ("The Green Mile"), the film is a moving drama set during the '50s' blacklist era.

Staff writer

In the film, Hollywood screenwriter Peter Appleton (Carrey), a staff writer at HHS Studios, is an ambitious up-and-comer. His first produced screenplay, a "B" movie swashbuckler entitled "Sand Pirates of the Sahara," has just opened on a double bill with John Huston's adventure, "The African Queen," at Grauman's Chinese Theater on Hollywood blvd., and he has a hot starlet girlfriend, the female lead in his big screen debut.

However, unexpected accusations lead to a strange turn of events where Peter loses not only his job and his girl, but also his glamorous Hollywood identity.

No memory

While trying to escape his troubles one dark, stormy night, Peter loses control of his automobile on an unstable bridge. He regains consciousness, finding himself in a place he's never been, with no memory of his past life or present troubles.

The events gets even stranger when he learns that he may in fact be the lost World War II hero, Luke Trimble, missing from the town of Lawson for some eight years.

Mistaken for someone he never knew, he finds himself troubled by questions—What does he remember? Who is he really? Is he the hero these people remember and if so, where has he been these past years? Has he spent the last decade of his life actually thinking and being someone else?

Four German films compete at Berlinale

BERLIN—Four German firms are among 23 competing in the Berlin Film Festival, the organizers of one of Europe's top movie showcases said, fulfilling a promise by the festival's new director to promote local talent.

Left-wing guerrilla

Organizers of the Berlinale said "Baader," a film directed by Christopher Roth about German left-wing guerrilla Andreas Baader, and "Grill Point", a tragicomedy by Andreas Dresden, have joined the line up for the festival that runs until Feb. 17.

"Heaven" by German director Tom Tykwer, who came to prominence in 1998 with his "Run Lola Run," opened the festival, and the competition also features "A Map of the Heart" by Germany's Dominik Graf.

New Berlinale director Dieter Kosslick is not bashful about using the event to showcase German films. The previous director, Moritz de Hadeln, faced criticism during his 22-year reign from the local film industry for not doing enough to promote their work.

New print

The showing of a new print of Charlie Chaplin's "The Great Dictator" will end the festival and will be attended by members of the Chaplin family.

Other films confirmed in the competition include "The Shipping News" by Lasse Hallstrom, who also directed last year's hit "Chocolat," as well as "Iris" by Richard Eyre, an account of the life of British writer Iris Murdoch, played by Judi Dench.

The Berlinale is one of the top three film festivals in Europe, behind Cannes and alongside Venice, and showcases nearly 400 films.

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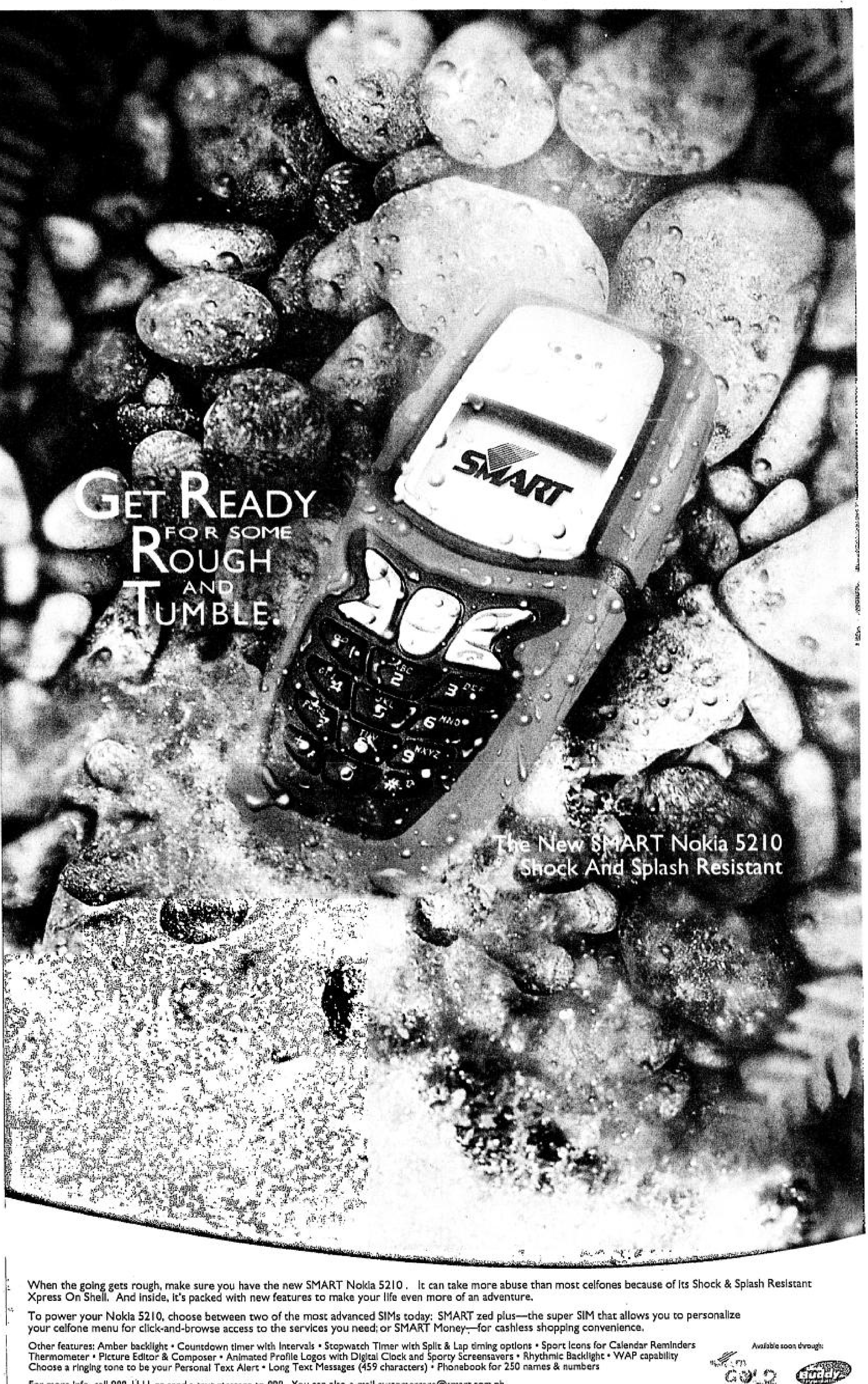
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By Lela Torre

ONE of the more obvious differences between men and women is how they react when confronted with the idea of romance. In decades past, some men considered succumbing to romantic love as a sign of weakness. Women, on the other hand, see their ability to love as one of their greatest strengths.

Trappings

Thus, the idea of love coupled with all the trappings of romance is enough to make the most susceptible of women melt, and even their more hardened sisters are not totally immune to it.

Today, it's slightly different. Men do not act as stiff and defensive towards love anymore, while some women have become cynical and have lost their taste for it. Nevertheless, females still reign as the acknowledged incurable romantics.

It is therefore not surprising that when one asks for opinions on romance, female respondents have more than enough to say while their male counterparts have to have their opinions cajoled, squeezed, and blackmailed out of them.

Members of the movie industry have learned to take advantage of this yearning for romance. Thus, a good portion of the products of the industry has been dedicated to this elusive concept and emotion.

Only one

Most moviegoers are able to name at least three romantic films that they consider their favorites. When compelled to choose only one, however, they often vacillate before making a choice. Here are some hard-won decisions from people who would not call themselves incurable romantics, but who appreciate romance nonetheless:

"Nothing beats 'Dream For An Insomniac.' I can totally relate to this movie—I'm an insomniac myself. I watched it when I was still in high school, during one of my numerous sleepless nights. Most of the movie took place in a coffee shop, which is where most insomniacs flock when they absolutely cannot face another sleepless night alone.

"It showed how romance can be found in even the most mundane circumstances. The visuals had a sepia tone, adding to the uniqueness of the film. And, as always, there's nothing like a dim, coffee shop atmosphere for promoting romance. I can almost smell the coffee!"—***Nina Pangilinan, 18.***

"MOULIN ROUGE." Love conquers through music.

"'What Dreams May Come' would be my top choice. Aside from being visually stimulating, it shows that even in death, love triumphs—you still love that one person. Basically, it was the story itself that caught my interest. It also helped that the movie portrayed what I have always believed: love always conquers death."—***Fred Nepomuceno, 22.***

> Women see their ability to love as one of their greatest strengths

"I'm a music aficionado, so 'Moulin Rouge' would be my first choice. It's different from most of the romantic films I've watched. Love conquers through music. In my opinion, music is one of the best ways of expressing how much you love someone.

Affair

"The movie also showed how the hero and heroine struggled to hide their affair until it came to the point where both of them were being hurt by it. But in the end, love did conquer!—***Abigail Te, 20.***

"'When A Man Loves A Woman.' In a nutshell, it showed the unconditional love of a man towards a woman (his wife) in spite of her addiction to alcohol. It makes one realize how marriage is supposed to work."—***Mariedith Calseña, 20.***

"'Sparrows' is my favorite romantic film. Almost every scene in the movie touched me and made me cry. It is about a novice who is sent out from a convent so that she can be tested. Inevitably, she meets and falls in love with a man, he reciprocates the emotion, she is frightened by it and her duty proves stronger, so she goes back into seclusion.

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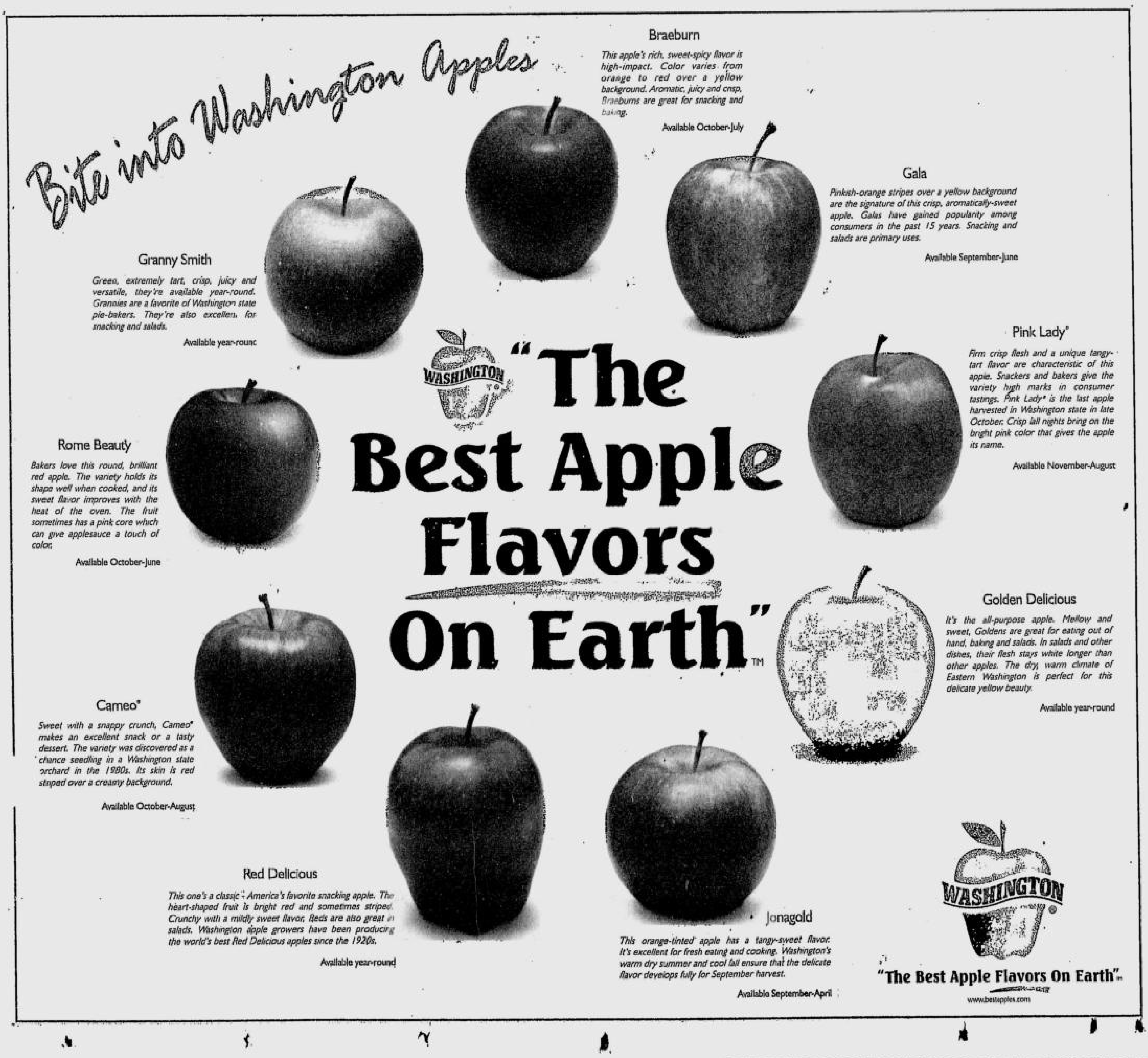

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Onofre Pagsanghan, 'merchant of dreams'

By Dennis M. Arroyo

HE had this poster with the words of the sculptor Rodin: "Love your calling with a passion. It is the meaning of your life." Dr. Onofre R. Pagsanghan, often called "Mr. Pagsi" in school, is on fire on his 50th year of teaching. The man's work for the poor should merit the attention of those looking for worthy causes.

Mechanic's son

The son of a mechanic, he came from a poor family. But a kind parish priest got him a scholarship for the Ateneo in 1941. There he went through awkward first days as a high school freshman, and his English was particularly wrong.

"In mid-mystery of the Rosary, my teacher had to relieve me of being prayer leader because the class was in stitches over my absurd accent," recalls Pagsanghan.

He persevered as the Jesuits trained him in eloquence. Over time, he excelled in elocution and took a fancy to theater—he became a star of the campus stage. "His lean and solitary figure with a resonant and vibrant voice towered over the hushed audience," recalls classmate Cesar Concio.

The mechanic's son soared in academics and graduated as Ateneo salutatorian.

College freshman

When he was an Ateneo college freshman, a Jesuit asked him to help out with a boy's club in a shanty town. He agreed, and the parish Boy's Club in Balic-balic became his major commitment for the next 12 years. It was renamed the Knights of the Sacred Heart.

"From once a week, it became a daily activity. The Knights consumed my life," recalls Pagsanghan. He taught them Christmas songs and the Catholic faith. He trained the boys in English grammar and composition, literature and public speaking.

The Knights became very religious, and some of the street boys felt drawn to the priesthood. However, the families did not have the money to support their seminary studies. The Ateneo mentor trained the boys in theater and they staged benefit plays.

The plays drew large audiences, so the boys went to the seminary. "We called those who became priests among us, *paring bodabil*, because stage shows financed their studies," he remembers. The Knights of the Sacred Heart has produced three monsignors, a parish priest, an SVD priest, and three Jesuits.

The former shanty boys, whose education got turbo-boosted, are now well-off. They send their sons to the Ateneo.

Teacher

After college graduation, Pagsanghan applied as a teacher in the Ateneo High School. The principal, Fr. William Hayes S.J., hired him on one condition: He would take on only 16 periods rather than the standard 20. And he must take a long siesta after lunch.

The reason for the terms was revealed many years later. At that time, Pagsanghan weighed only 87 pounds. "I took one look at you and said to myself, 'This teacher won't last.'" said the principal.

PAGSANGHAN. Fifty years of teaching.

"Mr. Pagsi" has lasted for 50 years, teaching English and Filipino. He focuses on the freshman honors class, and often reads the selections aloud with theatrical flair. To this day, alumni can still recite his "memorable passages." Students have learned from him to center their lives on Jesus Christ, and many go to daily Mass. This he picked up from the man he in turn admired, the revered Fr. John P. Delaney, S.J.

Pagsanghan founded the theater group now called the Dulaang Sibol. Apo singer Jim Paredes was part of the stage guild and recalls his teacher fondly: "I remember being very inspired by him and he made a difference in our lives then. He gave us an idea of how important our young lives were."

Another former Dulaang Sibol boy is Fr. Manoling Francisco, S.J., who has composed many of today's Mass songs. His musical career began in "Mr. Pagsi's" class.

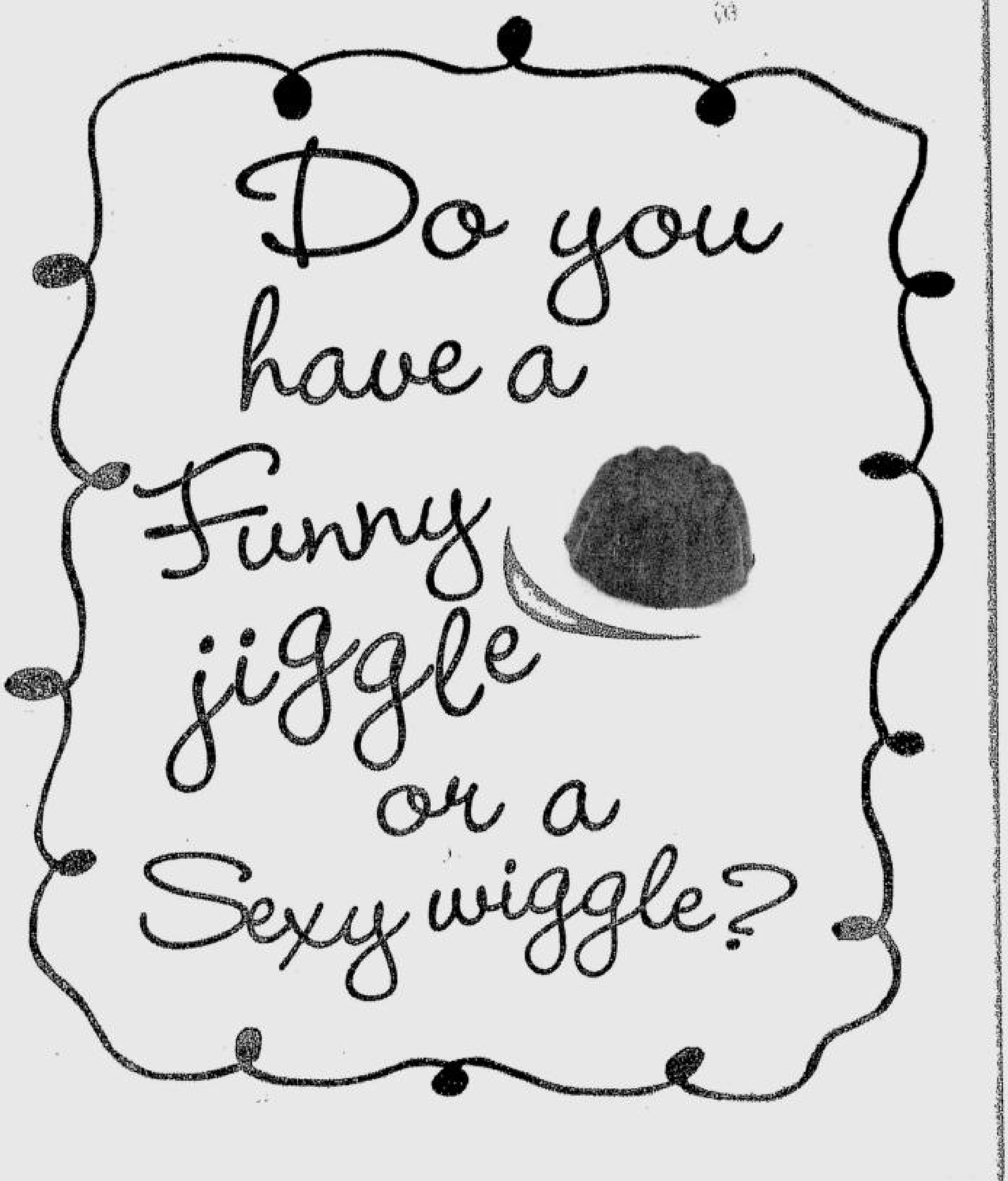
Pagsanghan was honored with the Metrobank Outstanding Teacher Award more than a decade ago. He also got The Outstanding Filipino Award bestowed by the Philippine Jaycee Senate. The Cultural Center of the Philippines conferred upon him the Gawad CCP Para sa Sining in 1991.

Dream project

In the mid '90s Pagsanghan mobilized his friends for his dream project—a free school for the poor offering Ateneo-quality education. The old slum boys of the Knights of the Sacred Heart, now quite rich, raised much of the funds. A Dulaang Sibol alumnus offered his former house as the site.

Other Dulaang Sibol alumni—valedictorians, salutatorians, and honor students of the Ateneo—volunteered to teach. So did fellow Metrobank Outstanding Teacher awardees, Ching Chee Kee for English and Gigi dela Cruz for Math.

This project, the Sibol-Hesus School, opened in 1997 at Boston st., Cubao. Offering free education, it serves a dozen public schools. Their best students go to Sibol-Hesus after classes for enrichment lessons in English, math, and public speaking.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Similarities

"A few similarities to the popular musical 'The Sound of Music' are evident. The plot differs from the former when the man settles for second best (the woman's elder sister), since he can't have what he wants. The theme is tragic love.

"Mostly, it was the beautifully-written dialogue that touched me. Doomed love is always an effective tearjerker, but having the appropriate words to portray it always enhances its potency. Another admirable aspect is that there is a religious side to the conflict in the movie: it boils down to how strong your faith makes you when it comes to resisting one of the strongest temptations of all—romantic love!—***Leslie Estreller, 22.***

"'When A Man Loves A Woman.' The film shows the epitome of love. Unlike other romance movies, it reveals to the viewer how love is really supposed to be. The film isn't all about mushy, romantic bliss.

Problems

"Problems intrude on love as they do in everything else. It depicted a less glamorized, fairy tale-ish story about real people."—***Carlo Dequiña, 19.***

"I love questions like this! 'Sabrina' would be my answer, and not only because it stars Harrison Ford and Julia Ormond, two of my favorite actors. More importantly, I like this film best because it tells a story that happens so rarely in real life.

"Imagine a billionaire-with-no-time-for-love type who falls in love with (of all people!) the daughter of the family chauffeur. She has been living all this time with her father above the garage. You couldn't get a love story more unlikely than theirs.

"'Sabrina' is different from other romantic movies because it makes you also believe that love really conquers all—that love does not choose, it just hits you and the world turns upside-down."—***Farah Cañezal, 20.***

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'Gosford Park,' 'A Beautiful Mind' nominated for Writers Guild Awards

"A BEAUTIFUL Mind" star Russell Crowe.

By Anthony Breznican

LOS ANGELES—"Moulin Rouge" and "A Beautiful Mind," already recognized by the directors' and actors' guilds, were among the movies receiving nominations Thursday for Writers Guild Awards.

Script

The eclectic musical "Moulin Rouge," written by director Baz Luhrmann and Craig Pearce, is up for best original screenplay.

Also competing in that category are Julian Fellowes' script for the British murder mystery "Gosford Park;" "The Man Who Wasn't There," Joel and Ethan Coen's black-and-white thriller; "Monster's Ball," by Milo Addica and Will Rokos, about an interracial couple in the South; and "The Royal Tenenbaums," by director Wes Anderson and co-star Owen Wilson, about a family of failed geniuses.

Akiva Goldsman's script for "A Beautiful Mind" is among those nominated for best adapted screenplay. It's based on Sylvia Nasar's biography of the same name about John Forbes Nash Jr., the mathematician who battled schizophrenia and won the Nobel Prize in 1996.

"It's a solitary job and tnere's something extraordinary about being appreciated by the people who do what you do . . . sit by yourself, stare at the sky, stare at the keyboard," Goldsman said.

Four other films were nominated in that category:

- "Black Hawk Down" by Ken Nolan, based on Mark Bowden's book about the October 1993 mission in Mogadishu, Somalia, in which 18 US soldiers died and 73 others were injured.
- "Bridget Jones's Diary" by Helen Fielding, Andrew Davies and Richard Curtis, based on Fielding's novel about a single woman's dating adventures in London.
- "Ghost World," written by Daniel Clowes and Terry Zwigoff, based on Clowes' graphic novel, about a teen-ager who befriends a reclusive older man.
- "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring," by Fran Walsh, Philippa Boyens and Peter Jackson, based on the first part of J.R.R. Tolkien's fantasy trilogy.

"This is the writer's moment. This is your little moment in the sun," Walsh said. Boyens said they would celebrate with champagne, then get back to work helping with post-production of the next "Rings" movie, "The Two Towers."

Notably absent were "Memento," writer-director Christopher Nolan's revenge tale told in reverse, and "In the Bedroom," the family drama that director Todd Field and Rob Festinger wrote based on Andre Dubus' short story.

Ineligible

Both films have won other honors for their scripts but were ineligible for Writers Guild Awards because they were not produced under a writers' guild contract. Both were low-budget films made outside the Hollywood studio system.

The Writers Guild of America will give out its 54th annual awards on March 2 at simultaneous ceremonies in Beverly Hills and New York City.

The Directors Guild Awards will be given on March 9, with the Screen Actors Guild Awards scheduled for the next day. The Academy Awards are set for March 24. *AP*

What it takes to win on 'The Weakest Link'

By Noelani Torre

SHY, sweet-faced Cristina Vitancol doesn't look like the winner of a game show that has been dubbed as a cross between "Greed" and "Survivor." With her definitely un-Xena-like looks and bearing, one would think that this 19-year-old wouldn't be able to hurt a fly, let alone brave a chilly Edu Manzano and take on seven teammates raring to get at the cash prize—and at each other's throats! Which is, of course, exactly what she did.

Student

Cristina, or Tinay, is one of "The Weakest Link's" youngest winners as well as one of its few female victors (Tinay is about the third or fourth). A third-year student majoring in ~~Chemical Engi~~neering at the University of the Philippines-Diliman, she walked away with P85,000 in Feb. 1's game, surprising even herself.

"*Sinwerte lang talaga ako*," she grins. "I only called once *at yun na!*" Following a whim, she phoned way back in December and got lucky once again when she correctly guessed the answer to the requisite question. "It was a Beatles question," she recalls, and Tinay, whose world is peopled more by scientists than pop stars, doesn't know anything about the Fab Four.

Auditions

"*Konti lang yata talaga ang tumatawag sa* 'Weakest Link,'" she muses, "because when I got to the auditions [held on Jan. 10] only six people came. They had to add two more people. I think they were former non-winners, so that we would make eight."

"*Sinwerte na naman ako ulit*," she adds, "*kasi hindi na namin kinailangan pang mag*-undergo *ng* eliminations. So that was it, I was in."

The hard part came the next day when they taped the actual show itself, *sans* audience, almost a month before it would be aired on national television.

"I wanted to prove myself, but I'm also camera-shy so I didn't know how to act," she sighs. "*Nahihiya akong kumilos. Kung puwede lang sana magtago, tinago ko na yung* face *ko sa* bag."

She recalls checking out the competition before the taping began. "I looked them over and I was thinking—*eto, mukhang mahina; eto, baka magaling*, etc. I'm sure they did that, too."

"The tension really began when I saw the set itself," she says. "Things had been unreal up to that point. I just couldn't believe that I was going to do it." She got even more nervous when she saw Edu Manzano.

"*Nung nakita ko siya, kinondisyon ko na ang sarili ko na mag*-expect *na mapahiya*." Apparently, Edu noticed her stiffening up.

Only human

"He said, 'Tinay, relax!'" she recounts with a giggle. "Then he faced his staff and said, " '*Pag hindi mag*-relax, *patay*!' That calmed me down a little because it showed that he was only human, after all!"

The tension never really left her though, and she recalls feeling a bit numb and detached, especially when the show's music started playing. "*Lalo akong na*-tense *nung narinig ko yun*. So what I did was to sort of chant inside my head—Relax, relax. Focus, focus." ***(To be concluded)***

For Dr. Margie Holmes, nothing is too hot to handle

HOLMES. Conservative upbringing.

THE WORD that best describes Dr. Margarita Go-Singco-Holmes is *intrepid*. Dr. Holmes has boldly gone into a world where the topic of sex is not taboo, and she has taken many Pinoys and Pinays with her.

Bestsellers

On print, radio and television, Dr. Holmes discusses sex-related issues frankly, and with authority. She is the fast-talking sex therapist whose books are bestsellers, and whose forays into radio and television are much awaited albeit controversial.

Curiously, Dr. Holmes had an upbringing as conservative as any other Filipino. But she felt the

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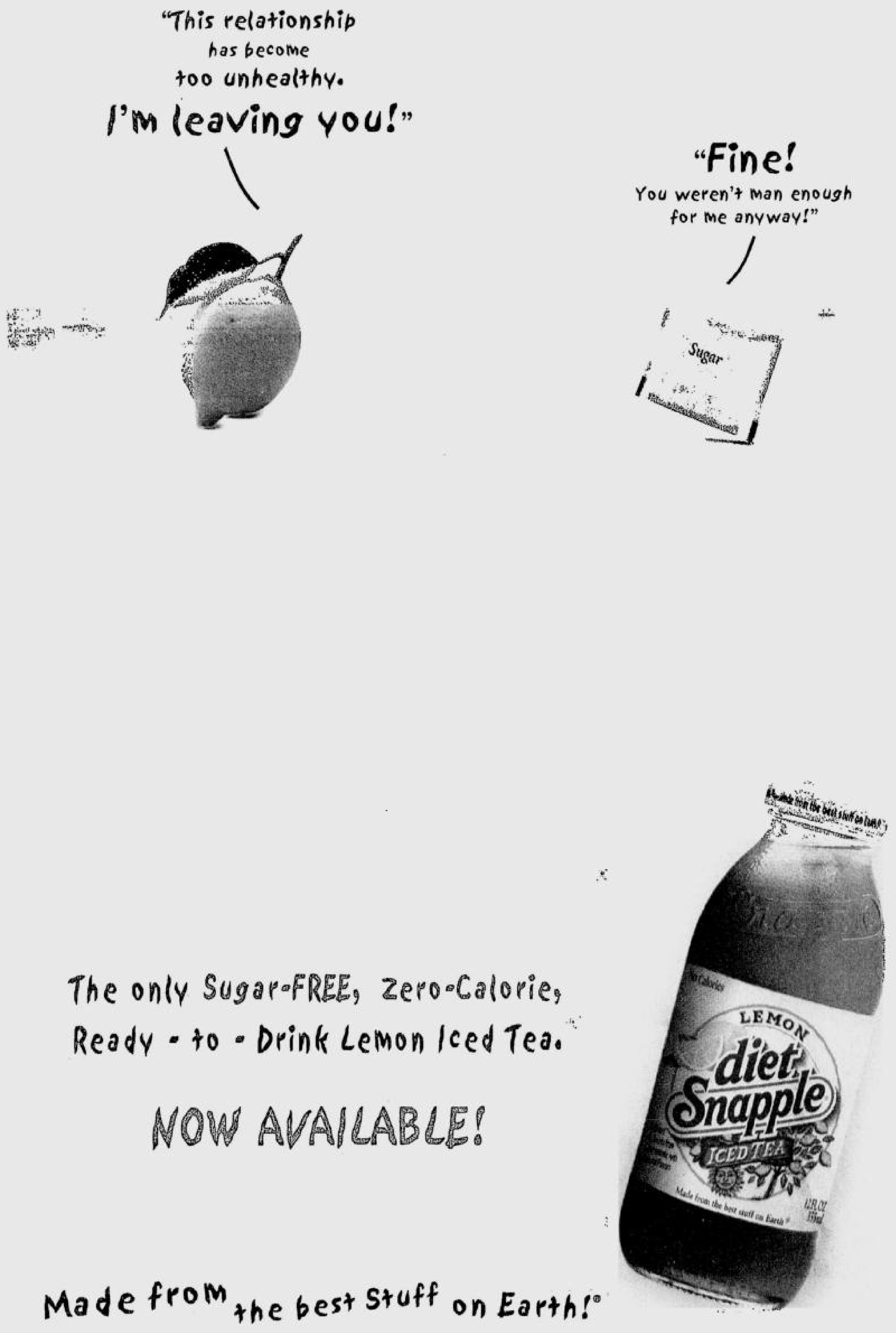

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Director Peter Jackson lauded for Academy award nominations

By Ray Lilley

WELLINGTON, New Zealand—Director Peter Jackson was lauded by local media Wednesday for putting "New Zealand on top of the film world" after his film "The Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring" scooped 13 Oscar nominations.

Hometown

Trumpeting "Lucky 13 for Rings," the Evening Post newspaper in his hometown, Wellington, headlined its coverage "Oscar smiles on Jackson."

A more modest Jackson praised his production team for the 13 Oscar nominations picked up by the first of the trilogy of Rings fantasy films.

The nominations recognized the efforts of the 2,500 people who had worked on the film, Jackson said after partying with friends.

"Those 13 nominations, because they are in every department of production, pre-production, design, post-production . . . those nominations have touched every one of those 2,500 people," he told National Radio.

Byproduct

"The awards are a byproduct, they are not the reason you make a film. But I'm thrilled that so many Kiwis have been nominated," Jackson said.

The 40-year-old New Zealander picked up nominations for best director and best adapted screenplay, while the film's special effects head, Richard Taylor won three nominations in costume design, makeup and visual effects.

New Zealand Film Commission chief executive Ruth Harley said the nominations were "a standout achievement."

"It's fantastic, really fantastic," Harley said. "I mean, the writers have got a nomination, the director's got a nomination, costume design, cinematography . . . makeup, editing, music, best picture. This is a fantastic set of nominations."

Local media also highlighted Oscar nomination success by other New Zealanders.

Role

"FELLOWSHIP OF THE RINGS."Fine showcase for New Zealand's exceptional filmmaking talents.

New Zealand-born actor Russell Crowe, who lives in Australia, secured his third best-actor nomination in a row for his part in "A Beautiful Mind." He won the Oscar last year for his role in "Gladiator."

The animated feature "Shrek," co-directed by New Zealander Andrew Adamson, has been nominated for best animated feature.

Jackson said New Zealanders, known locally as Kiwis after the national symbol, the flightless Kiwi bird, will be invading Hollywood on Oscar night, March 25.

Tourism New Zealand chief executive George Hickton said the film was fueling promotion of the country as Middle Earth, the mythical land at the center of the movies based on the work of British author J.R.R. Tolkien.

New Zealand has been promoting itself hard as a tourist destination on the back of the worldwide success of Jackson's film. *AP*

Diehard 'Star Wars' fans line up for new film

PORTMAN. The fifth "Star Wars" film's female lead.

SEATTLE, Washington—Two diehard fans of the blockbuster science fiction "Star Wars" saga are already on line to score tickets for the latest chapter in the saga—more than three months before the box office opens.

Queue

On Jan. 1, John Guth and Jeff Tweiten took up their spots at the head of the queue outside Seattle Cinerama in anticipation of the May 16 opening of "Star Wars: Episode II—Attack of the Clones," the theater said.

The two men, who head Seattle's Star Wars Society, plan to sleep, eat and play games outside the movie theatre day in and day out for the next few months.

"When the last 'Star Wars' movie came out, people slept out overnight to get tickets, but I've never seen anything as hard core as these guys," marveled Jeff Alldridge of the Cinerama.

"We told them the tickets wouldn't go on sale until about two weeks before the opening, but they said they were doing some sort of art project on their lives and would camp outside anyway."

Survival tools

Among the survival tools the two, in their 20s and 30s, have spread out at their makeshift camp: a video camera to film a diary of their experience, fold-up chairs, backpacks, sleeping bags, and cooking utensils.

They were unavailable for comment, but cinema buffs said the wacky "art" project could set a record for the longest wait in history to see a movie.

The new picture, the fifth in the hit series which began in 1977, will star Natalie Portman, Ewan McGregor, Samuel L. Jackson, Hayden Christensen, Pernilla August, Kenny Baker and Anthony Daniels and is directed by George Lucas, whose Industrial Light and Magic special effects are the true stars of the saga.

A similar response greeted the 1999 release of "Star Wars: Episode I—The Phantom Menace," which, despite its eyepopping special effects, was only tepidly received by the saga's legion of fans, many of whom camped out for days to score tickets and crowded theaters for even a glimpse of the movie's trailer. *AFP*

Be kind to your eyes

LOTUS POND

R. Valencia and S. Bismark

OUR eyes are the most abused and neglected of all our body parts. Consequently, although very few people are born with eye defects, practically all aged individuals need glasses. In other words, we allow our eyes to deteriorate.

Book

Dr. Gala, author of the book "Vision Training Programme" states: "Only two to three percent of the population have eye problems at birth; yet possibly a full 70 percent run into some kind of trouble with eyesight during their lifetimes.

"Statistics show that we are becoming a generation of visually-handicapped people. Nearsightedness, astigmatism, and a variety of hidden visual problems such as coordination and perceptual difficulties related to eye inefficiencies are all on the rise."

Our current lifestyle does not help in our quest for healthy eyes and good vision. Modern technology has heaped great burdens on our eyes. Instead of seeking outdoor recreation and leisure, people tend to spend hours in front of the eye-straining television set. Equally problematic is the computer monitor which people use to work, chat, read or surf the net.

Dr. Gala notes, "The amount of work we are asking our eyes to do is greater than what they have been made to handle."

Signals

Of course, our eyes give us notice that they are under stress and in agony. Reddening of the eyes and headaches are signals that we should heed before the crisis deepens.

Dr. Gala shares with us some important tips in caring for our valuable eyes:

1. Always read or write in a sitting position.
2. The place where you read or write should be very well lighted.
3. Blink more often. Staring contributes to eye strain and blinking provides rest to the eyes.
4. When reading or working with computer monitors, make sure you rest your eyes. Look up across the room or out the window at distant objects. The point is not to push your eyes past the point where there is nothing they can do except adapt to the strain they are under, and so give you trouble when you want to do something else.
5. After taxing your eyes, get up and stretch. Move around to improve circulation to your head and eyes.
6. Do not indulge in close-range work by keeping awake till late hours. Remember that your eyes need more rest than your body.
7. Never read in a moving vehicle. Similarly, do not tax your eyes when you are sick.
8. Never watch television in a darkened room. The illumination of the room should ideally match that of the TV screen.

Next week, I will share with you some exercises to improve our vision and lessen our dependence on and use of eyeglasses.

For Dr. Margie Holmes, nothing is too hot to handle

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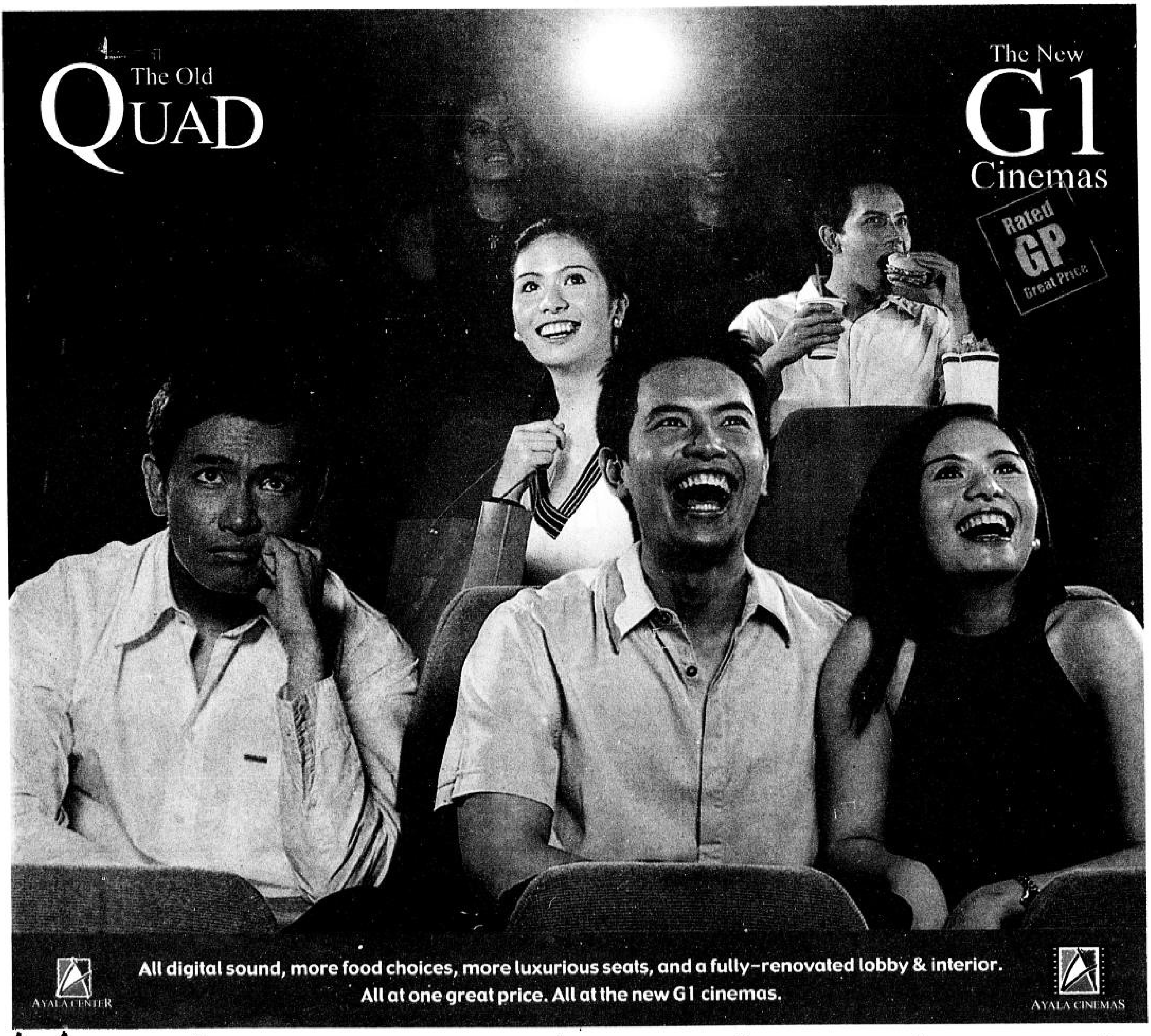
need to break free and finished college at the University of the Philippines.

Having enjoyed her college life at UP, she pursued her Masters in Public Health with Special Studies in Sex Therapy and Marriage Counseling at the University of Hawaii at Manao. She also has a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the Ateneo de Manila University.

Dr. Holmes opened her clinical practice in 1975, with most of her clients coming from various private and government organizations. Not long after, she began receiving invitations to speak at conferences and seminars as well as guest in TV shows.

On the PLDT Lovenotes Hotline, people can seek Dr. Holmes' expert advice by calling 1-908-1-143-444 on Feb. 25, March 4, 11 and 18 from 8 to 10 p.m. No question on life, love and sex is too trivial or complicated for Dr. Margie Holmes.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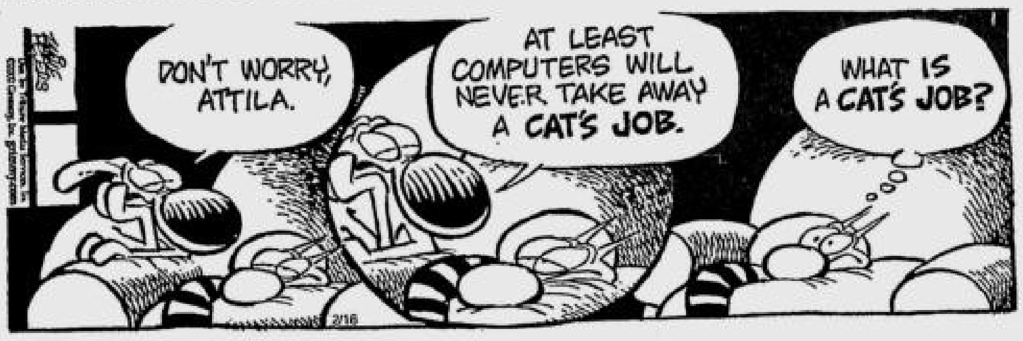
DON'T WORRY, ATTILA.
AT LEAST COMPUTERS WILL NEVER TAKE AWAY A CAT'S JOB.
WHAT IS A CAT'S JOB?
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A. LIPIN

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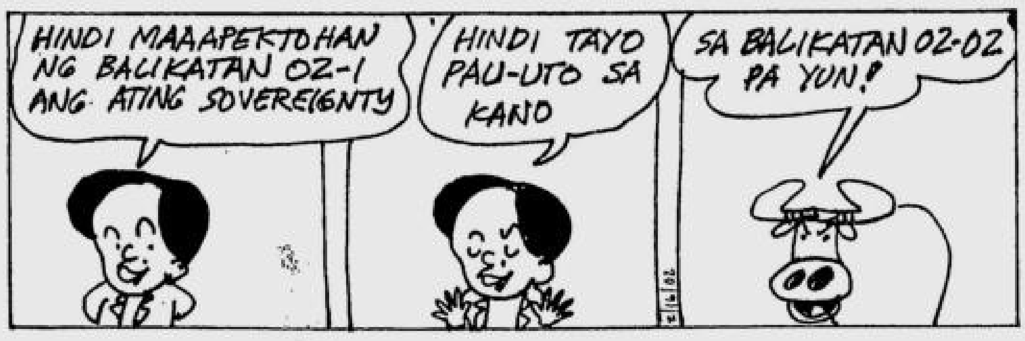
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ATOMO AND WEBOY

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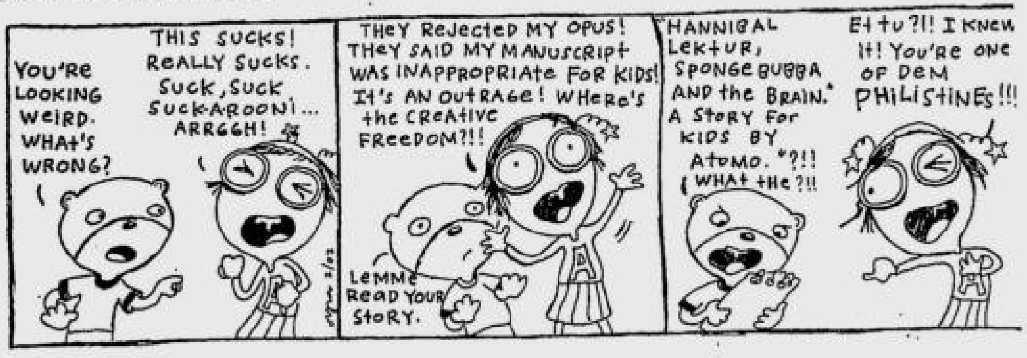
You're LOOKING WeiRD. WHAT'S WRONG?
THIS SUCKS! ReALLY SUCKS. SUCK, SUCK SUCK-AROONI... ARRGGH!
THEY ReJected MY OPUS! THEY SAID MY MANUSCRIPT WAS INAPPROPRIATE FOR KIDS! It's AN OUTRAGE! WHeRe's the CReATIVE FREEDOM?!!
LEMME READ YOUR STORY.
"HANNIBAL LeKtuR, SPONGE BUBBA AND the BRAIN." A STORY FOR KIDS BY ATOMO. "?!! WHAT the ?!!
Et tu?!! I KNew it! You're one OF DEM PHILISTINES!!!

PUGAD BABOY

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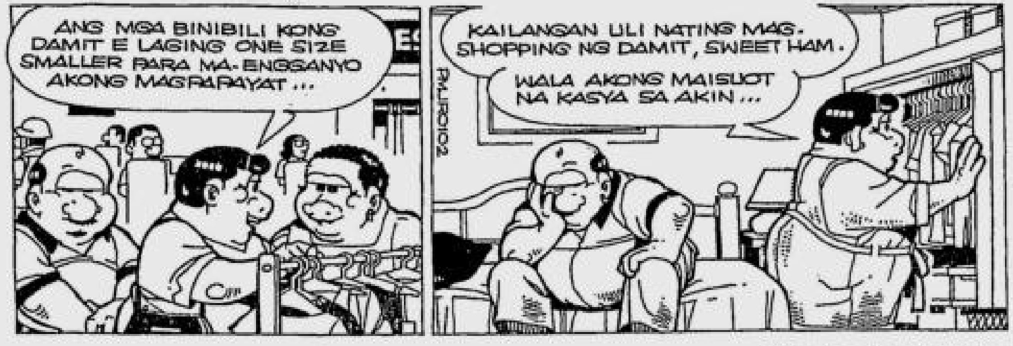
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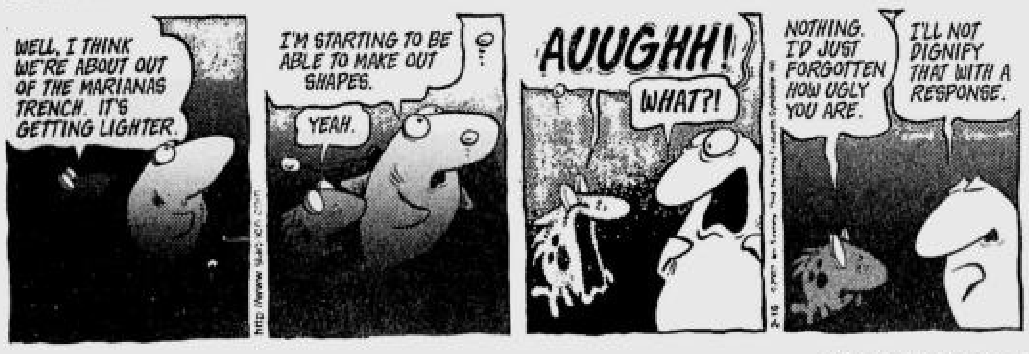
KAILANGAN ULI NATING MAG-SHOPPING NG DAMIT, SWEET HAM.
WALA AKONG MAISUOT NA KASYA SA AKIN...

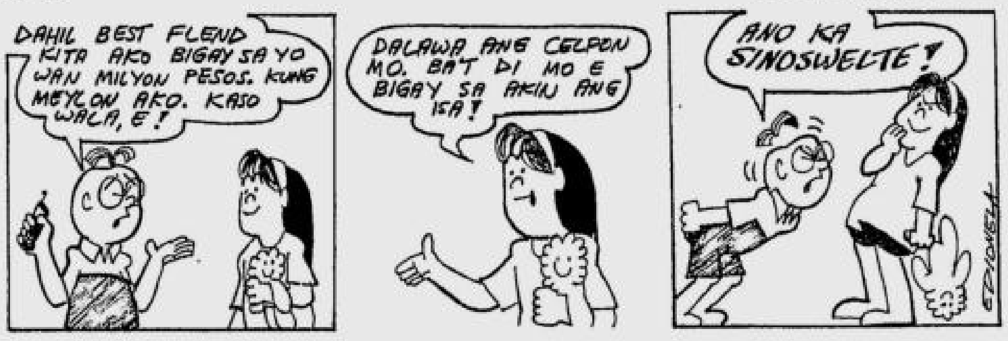
SHERMAN'S LAGOON

BY JIM TOOMEY


WELL, I THINK WE'RE ABOUT OUT OF THE MARIANAS TRENCH. IT'S GETTING LIGHTER.
I'M STARTING TO BE ABLE TO MAKE OUT SHAPES.
YEAH.
AUUGHH!
WHAT?!
NOTHING. I'D JUST FORGOTTEN HOW UGLY YOU ARE.
I'LL NOT DIGNIFY THAT WITH A RESPONSE.

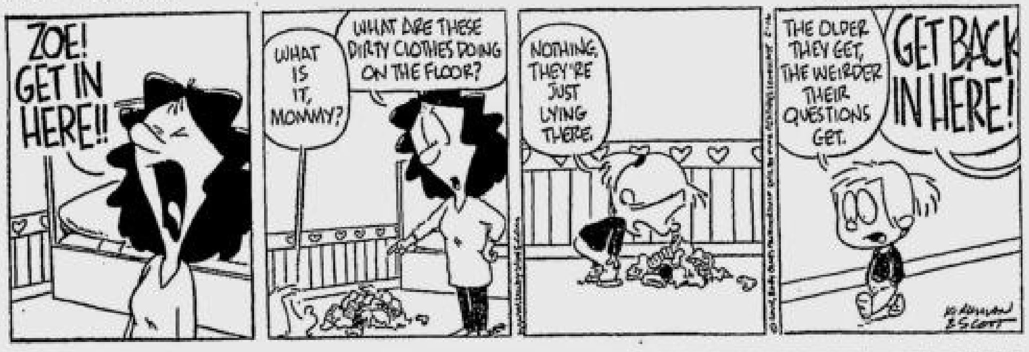
SIMO

BY EDGAR DIONELA


DAHIL BEST FLEND KITA AKO BIGAY SA YO WAN MILYON PESOS. KUNG MEYLON AKO. KASO WALA, E!
DALAWA ANG CELPON MO. BA'T DI MO E BIGAY SA AKIN ANG ISA?
ANO KA SINOSWELTE?

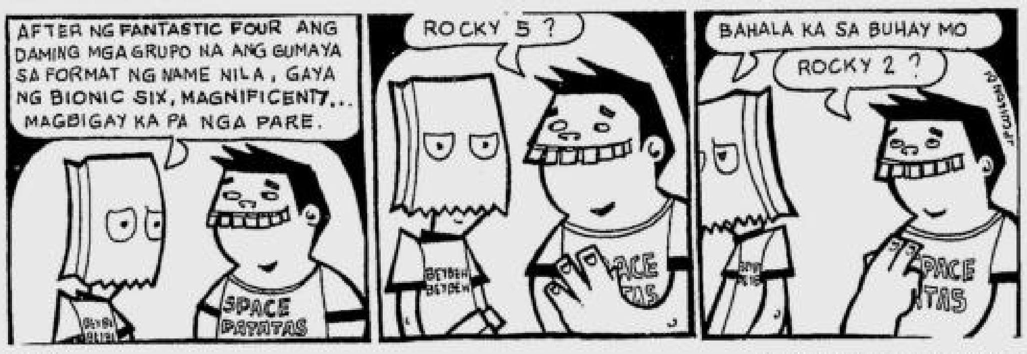
BABY BLUES

BY JERRY SCOTT


ZOE! GET IN HERE!!
WHAT IS IT, MOMMY?
WHAT ARE THESE DIRTY CLOTHES DOING ON THE FLOOR?
NOTHING. THEY'RE JUST LYING THERE.
THE OLDER THEY GET, THE WEIRDER THEIR QUESTIONS GET.
GET BACK IN HERE!

GARAPATA BLOOD

BY JOHN PAUL CUISON


AFTER NG FANTASTIC FOUR ANG DAMING MGA GRUPO NA ANG GUMAYA SA FORMAT NG NAME NILA, GAYA NG BIONIC SIX, MAGNIFICENT7... MAGBIGAY KA PA NGA PARE.
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BAHALA KA SA BUHAY MO
ROCKY 2 ?
SPACE PATATAS

HOROSCOPE

BY EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: John McEnroe, Ice-T, LeVar Burton

Happy Birthday: You will move into the role of leadership as you take control this year. Take a serious look at your insurance policies, investments, wills or any other personal papers that may require updating or changes. Make the effort to improve your personal relationship by spending more quality time with someone you love. Your numbers are 9, 13, 26, 38, 42, 49

ARIES (March 21-April 19): If you believe in yourself, you can move mountains. Consider what your priorities are and strive to reach your goals.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Join organizations that will help you understand yourself a little better. You have been confused about your future prospects and it's time to get a little help in order to choose the right path.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You should be out and about having fun with friends. Pleasure trips will be a blast and should be considered. Even a short trip will result in entertaining times.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may be feeling a little down in the dumps. You should make a list of all the things you would like to do in order to improve your life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get yourself up and running so that you can take advantage of all the opportunities coming your way. The time is right to explore new avenues, make new friends and book that exotic trip you've been thinking about.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): There is money to be made if you play your cards right. Look into investments that you believe in, but don't take a chance with your retirement money. The worry and anguish won't be worth it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You are going through a highly artistic cycle today, so don't waste time—do things that will help you satisfy your passion to create.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Push yourself professionally and you will discover how amazing you can actually be. You may not please those jealous of your abilities, but the people who count will praise you for your accomplishments.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will be eager to get out and be entertained. Your colorful way of doing things will attract attention and lead to some interesting propositions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep a low profile and work quietly on things that mean a lot to you. Home improvements will turn out well and be cost efficient if you do some of the work yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You need to get out and get involved. Romantic connections will be made if you take part in events that are geared toward helping those in need.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep your private affairs to yourself. This is not the time to blurt out how you feel or what your concerns are. Bide your time.

Birthday Baby: You are creative and unique in all that you do. You are well liked due to your ability to entertain others with your inventive and challenging mind.

DAILY CROSSWORD

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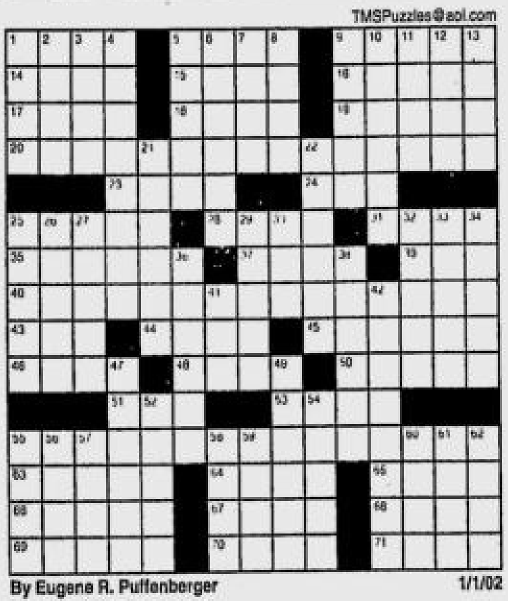

By Eugene R. Puffenberger
Houston, TX

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ACROSS
1 Run its course
5 Served perfectly
9 Old Irish alphabet
14 Sandwich cookie
15 Soft drink
16 Mold
17 Appear
18 Ski lift
19 Bank robbery
20 New Year's Day activity
23 Dashed
24 Cereal grain
25 Spruce juice
28 Hamlet
31 Trans-Siberian RR stop
35 Bad blood
37 Final Four org.
39 Now I get it!
40 New Year's Day activity
43 Before, to a bard
44 Vaccines
45 Part of USSR
46 Transmit
48 Gulf of the Ionian Sea
50 Landlords' revenue
51 NYC winter hrs.
53 Spare
55 New Year's Day activity
63 Fisher or Cantor
64 Immoral deeds
65 __ fixe (obsession)
66 Rot-resistant wood
67 Intricate network of pathways
68 Chestnut-and-gray horse
69 Memorize
70 North Carolina college
71 S. Connery film

DOWN
1 Military base
2 Square measure
3 Go on a quest
4 At an indefinite moment
5 Thespian
6 Spider's parlor
7 Verve
8 Dash
9 Tessie or Milo
10 Presley hit, "In the __"
11 Filament
12 Church recess
13 Deal (out)
21 Sinkers
22 Navajo homes
25 Speed contests
26 Habituate
27 Temptress
29 Knock off a bowler
30 Broadcast letters of old
32 Expert
33 Piece of paper
34 Miniature race cars
36 Tight-fitting dress
38 Greek malls
41 Goof
42 Thrushlike warbler
47 More like moist petals
49 Mourning of the NBA
52 Harsh
54 City on the Ruhr
55 Calf meat
56 Run in neutral
57 Sturluson work
58 Salinger lass
59 Iranian bread?
60 Whiff
61 Break a habit
62 Host after Carson

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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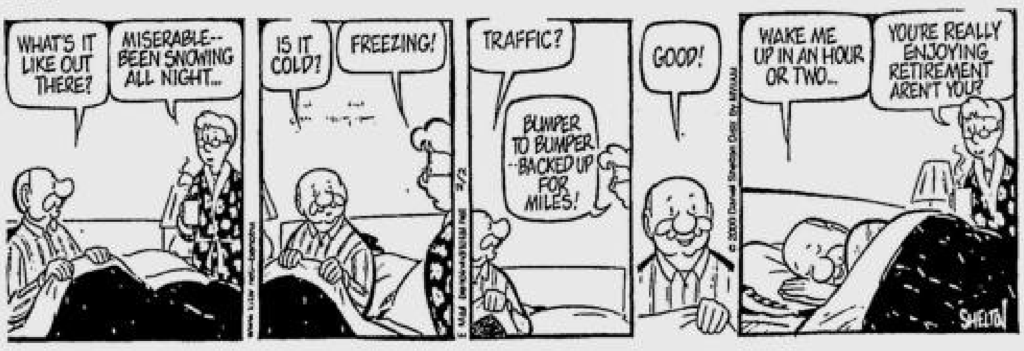
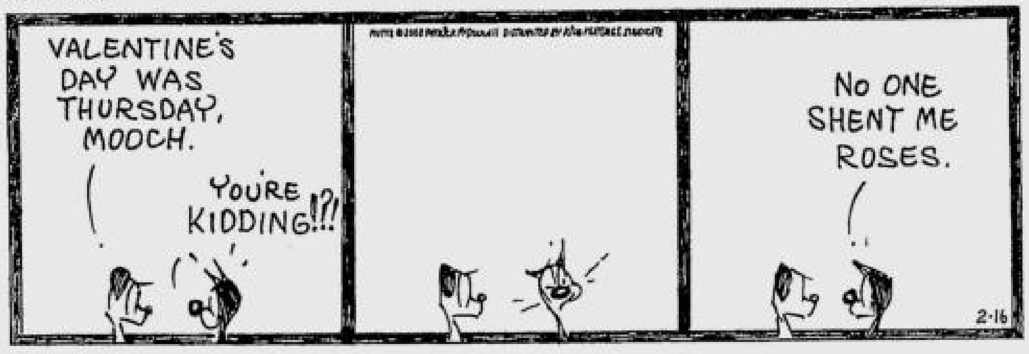

WHAT'S IT LIKE OUT THERE?
MISERABLE-- BEEN SNOWING ALL NIGHT...
IS IT COLD?
FREEZING!
TRAFFIC?
BUMPER TO BUMPER --BACKED UP FOR MILES!
GOOD!
WAKE ME UP IN AN HOUR OR TWO...
YOU'RE REALLY ENJOYING RETIREMENT AREN'T YOU?
SHELTON

MUTTS

BY PATRICK McDONNELL


VALENTINE'S DAY WAS THURSDAY, MOOCH.
YOU'RE KIDDING!?!
NO ONE SHENT ME ROSES.
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KIKO MACHINE

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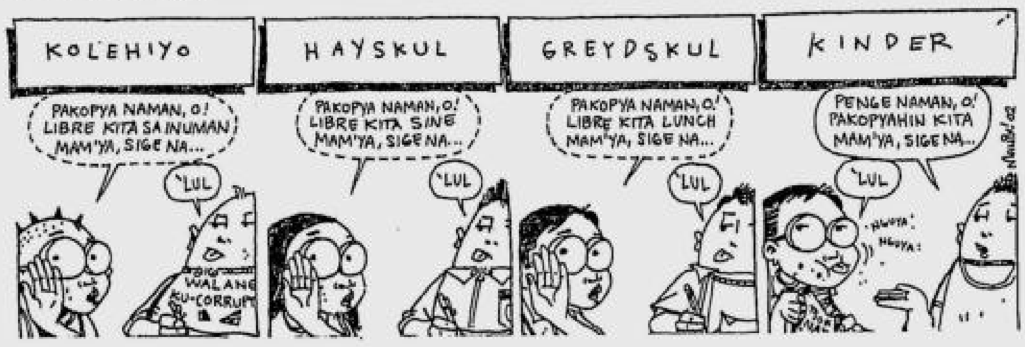
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PAKOPYA NAMAN, O! LIBRE KITA SA INUMAN MAM'YA, SIGE NA...
'LUL
WALANG KU-CORRUPT
PAKOPYA NAMAN, O! LIBRE KITA SINE MAM'YA, SIGE NA...
'LUL
PAKOPYA NAMAN, O! LIBRE KITA LUNCH MAM'YA, SIGE NA...
'LUL
PENGE NAMAN, O! PAKOPYAHIN KITA MAM'YA, SIGE NA...
'LUL
HUHU! HUHU!

LOVEKNOTS

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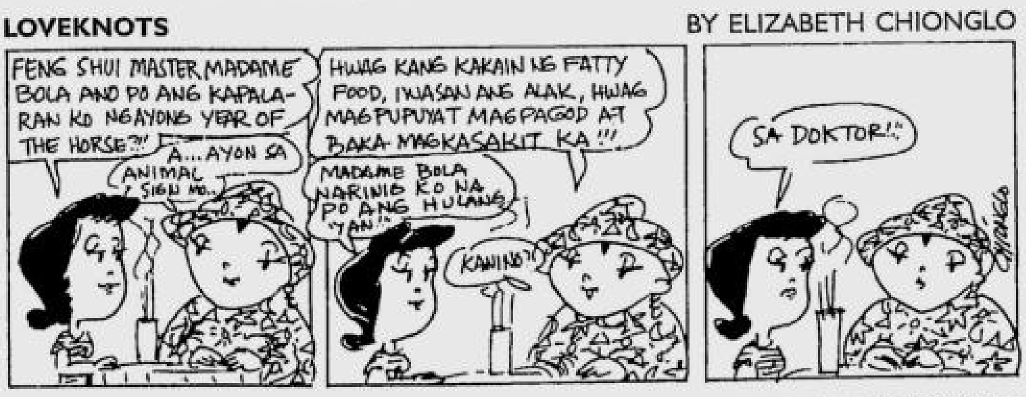
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A... AYON SA ANIMAL SIGN MO..
HWAG KANG KAKAIN NG FATTY FOOD, IWASAN ANG ALAK, HWAG MAGPUPUYAT MAGPAGOD AT BAKA MAGKASAKIT KA!!!
MADAME BOLA NARINIG KO NA PO ANG HULANG 'YAN!
KANINO?!
SA DOKTOR!
CHIONGLO

TULDOK

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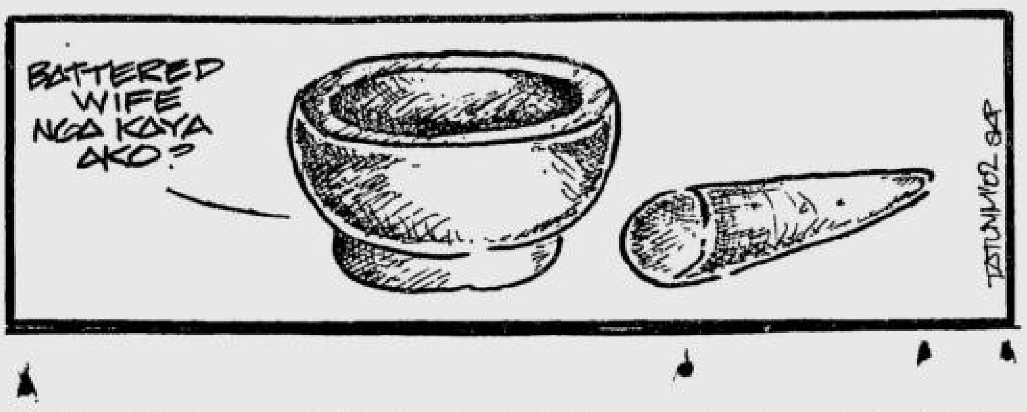
BATTERED WIFE NGA KAYA AKO?

Hollywood's most 'romantic' stellar tandems

By Behn Cervantes

HOLLYWOOD is the dream factory where celluloid romance provides lonely hearts the world over the right partner when all other loves have failed them. That is part of the fantasy that Hollywood creates for everyone who embraces the reality of cinema.

That magical world provides love, music and romance in all forms. It can be young, old or imagined love. It takes place now, in the past, in the future. You can even transcend time if the scriptwriter so pleases.

Thrilled

Producers often search for the right ingredients but most of the time they don't hit the mark. A few films hit the bull's eye, however. As a result, many hearts are thrilled while Hollywood producers chortle all the way to the bank.

The romantic lovers can be predictable teenagers. They represent all the teenyboppers in search of romance who, because they are young and inexperienced suffer the pains of first love.

Of course, in true Hollywood fashion the young Romeo finds his demure Juliet after all. It could also end with a brave cowboy riding into the sunset with a feisty frontier woman.

They could find love singing in the rain, or understand the meaning of the magnificent obsession.

Why, the hero could be the sheik of Araby in the Sahara Desert, the heroine a sarong-clad maiden swimming in a blue lagoon in a Pacific isle. Her lover has brought her the enchanted black pearl. He could be a virile Roman warrior trying to tame Neptune's daughter deep in the Aegean Sea.

It could even be noble Tarzan who loves Jane in the jungles of Africa, swinging from tree to tree as Cheetah cheers them on. They could have tea for two. Anything that worked pleased producers because, hey, love made the world go round.

Energetic

ASTAIRE AND ROGERS. Separate ways.

HEPBURN AND TRACY. Egos the size of Texas.

The teenagers of America identified with the energetic Andy Hardy as multi-talented actor Mickey Rooney romanced picture-pretty Donna Reed, statuesque Esther Williams and especially vulnerable Judy Garland in that popular series that established Rooney and Garland as America's singing, dancing and romancing sweethearts.

However, no one took that romance seriously. It was clearly puppy love and bound to pass. Indeed, Rooney married eight times and Garland led a tragic life, nowhere akin to Hardy's world.

Fred Astaire danced and romanced Ginger Rogers all the way down Rio. Romantic pairs certainly sold tickets so the competing movie studios found them. Some of them had cinematic magic; others failed.

Who can forget the chemistry of brooding Laurence Olivier and exotic Merle Oberon in "Wuthering Heights." It is still considered a classic and one of the great romances on screen. However, it turned out that Sir Laurence detested Merle! He called her 'pock marked.' The feeling was mutual because she also hit him below the waist. But despite the animosity, the electricity between Oberon and Laurence on the screen was palpable.

Sir Laurence and Dame Vivien Leigh tried to meld their real-life love with reel romance both on stage and on screen, but their films together were bland and trying hard. Even Ginger, we find out years after their cinematic and box-office success, felt slighted that their many dancing outings were called 'Astaire' films.

"Hey," reminded the Academy Award-winning Ms. Rogers "I was the lady he danced with. I was his partner. Let me tell you, it was more difficult dancing backward *and* on high heels!" Astaire and Rogers went their separate ways. Of course, Vivien and Laurence divorced.

ROONEY AND GARLAND. Puppy love.

Lovebirds

So much for "real" romance onscreen. Even the lovebirds of cinema, Nelson Eddy and coloratura soprano Jeannette MacDonald, engaged in a battle of egos. The Canadian baritone did not appreciate the star perks his partner demanded and worse, got from studio bosses! However, the public's perception to this day is that suave Eddy loved Jeanette, be she Rosemarie or even naughty Marietta.

Was it always egos that made the movie pairs quarrel? Yes and no. Clark Gable had quite an ego but he had no problem acting with sexpots like Jean Harlow, Ava Gardner and former lover Joan Crawford. Neither did The King encounter problems with the very meticulous Claudette Colbert, who insisted she be shot only on her left side.

Their teamwork in "It Happened One Night" not only won them the Academy Award for best performance but also won the movie the Best Film, Best Script and Best Director trophies.

Alas, even the experienced Mr. Gable found Marilyn Monroe's unpredictable conduct in his last film "The Misfits" unbearable. The delays in that poetic film written by Arthur Miller, resulted in a fatal heart attack that downed Gable.

Neither was there chemistry between the troubled Monroe and equally neurotic Montgomery Clift. Nevertheless, the film was marketed on the chemistry of the bombastic trio. It didn't work.

Spitfire

On the other hand, the macho John Wayne got along superbly with Irish spitfire Maureen O'Hara in John Ford films like "The Quiet Man." They were only buddies off-screen but great lovers on screen. One reality didn't cross the other.

Imperious Katharine Hepburn and difficult Spencer Tracy had egos the size of Texas but it is a well known fact that domineering Ms Hepburn gave in to Spencer's dark moods on and off-screen.

In fact, she was not only his co-star, but she was also concurrently his nurse, manager, ally and pillar of strength. Theirs was a difficult love affair off-screen but the talented duo sparkled on the screen and left behind a romantic legacy that is the source of inspiration and awe to this day.

So, it wasn't a question of like poles repel, at least in their case.

How about the fiery combustion between luscious Elizabeth Taylor and handsome Montgomery Clift in "A Place in the Sun"? They looked great together. They were two talented young actors whose gorgeous close-ups complimented the other. Better yet, they worked well together. Nevertheless, the obvious rapport noted by critics and audience alike on the screen was meant only for celluloid purposes.

Years later we found out that Liz and Monty were, at best, friends because Montgomery Clift was gay. Liz also had a wonderful off-screen and on-screen relationship with Rock Hudson in "Giant" for which film both were nominated for the Academy Award in the acting categories. When Rock died of AIDS (because of the secret gay life he led) heart-broken Liz spearheaded a fund drive of the organization that aims to eliminate the plague from the face of the earth.

Love and passion

Rock also joyfully, or gaily, worked with feisty Doris Day in a series of sexy romantic comedies she and her husband produced in the '60s. Those successes earned them millions of dollars and an equal number of fans but all that love and passion were meant only for the big screen. It turned out that Day's producer-husband squandered her many millions, a sad fact she only found out after he died. Was there great love off-screen for Doris Day while she enjoyed on-screen romance with Rock? Alas no; she now takes care of stray cats.

Hudson also made a romantic mark in "Magnificent Obsession" with Academy Award winner Jane Wyman. The film's success led to other sentimental love movies they made together for Universal, as the studio hoped to exploit their screen chemistry. The tandem had definite rapport. However, when Ms. Wyman was paired with Hudson look-alike John Gavin, the tandem didn't work. No sparks, no sparkle. There was no chemistry between the two!

Indeed, love makes the world go round from South of the Border all the way to Tonga Tonga and even to the far reaches of Shangri-la. Even an English schoolteacher can make an all-powerful King of Siam fall in love with her grit and integrity. However, the passion between lovers on screen is often nothing more that celluloid. All that these romantic pairs do is titillate us with their charisma and their screen presence. The love, passion and romance are all concocted. *We* make it come alive.

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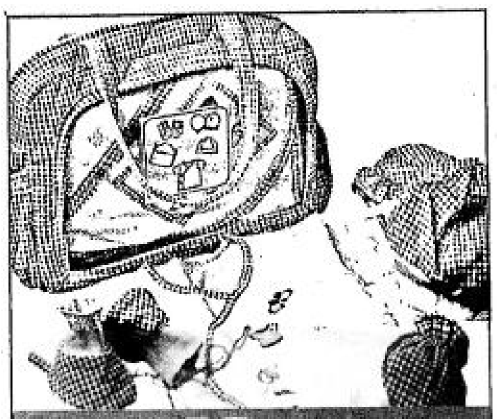

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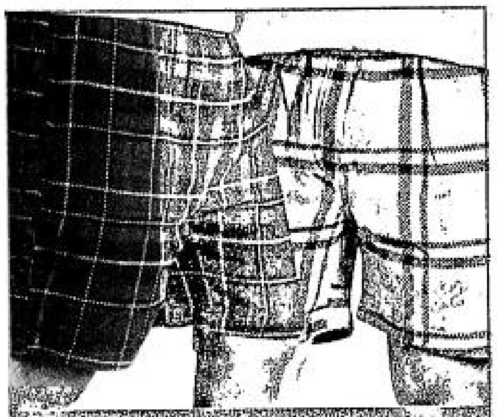

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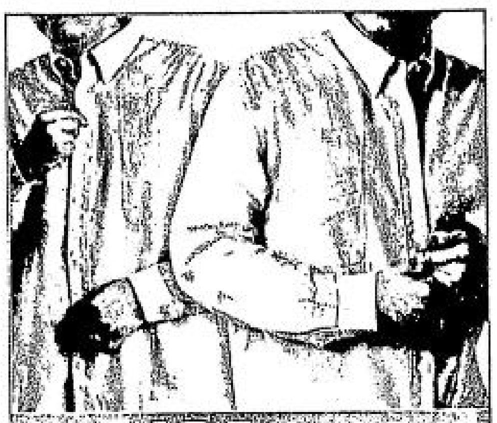

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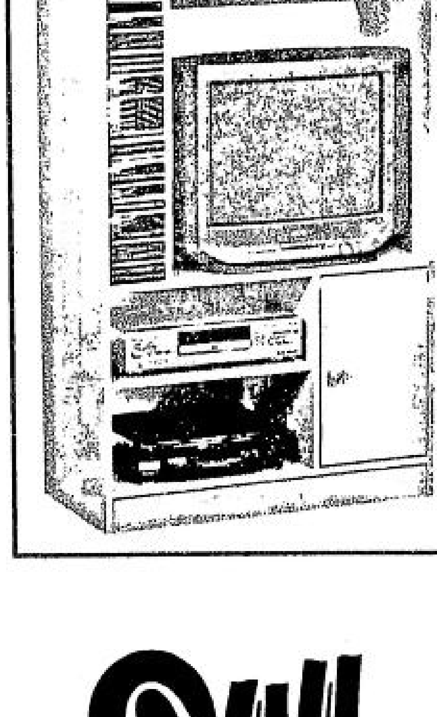

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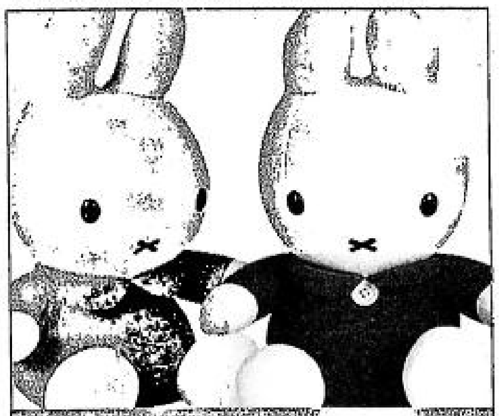

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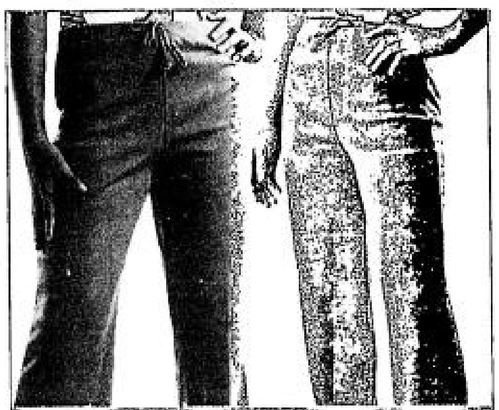

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Jennifer Connelly chooses her roles well

CONNELLY. Widely respected for her performances, most of them in independent films.

JENNIFER Connelly likes sticking close to home, except when she picks her roles. Though two of her most notable recent projects, Darren Aronofsky's "Requiem for a Dream" and Ron Howard's "A Beautiful Mind," were both filmed around New York, she played women boroughs away from her own orderly life.

Drug addict

In 2000's "Requiem," she gave a gruesomely keen portrayal of Marion Silver, an unraveled, desperate drug addict, and in "A Beautiful Mind," she plays Alicia Nash, the wife of an institutionalized schizophrenic and economics Nobelist, John Forbes Nash Jr. (played by Russell Crowe).

Alicia, she says, "is the person who's trying to ground him in reality and bring him home, literally, and back to what he was."

What connects the roles is the emotional landscape of relationships, and the lengths traveled to maintain them. "In 'A Beautiful Mind,' there are scenes that were painful and scary and sad," she says. "I don't have to go through degradation (as in "Requiem"), but there is a lot of emotional terrain in this movie. There's a tragedy in the family, and it takes a toll on each of them as they try to live with each other."

Exacting standards

Connelly is widely respected for her work, especially the roles she chooses to play—many in independent films—and she holds herself to exacting standards.

As for her past work, she apologizes for nearly all of it up to age 20—most likely including the John Hughes cookie-cutter "Career Opportunities." "You don't want to get rid of your experiences, because they're *your* experiences—good or bad—and you need them," she explains. "But it would be great if they weren't on the video shelf!"

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A rare interview with movie king FPJ

By Edmund L. Sicam

MOVIE legend Fernando Poe Jr. seldom grants interviews. Even when he was involved in the election campaign of Joseph Estrada, the media-shy actor would always stay in the background. On the rare occasions that he faced reporters, the interview was usually short.

We had also heard that one needed to join him in drinking his favorite beverage—beer—to get him to talk and that he didn't allow tape recorders to preserve his comments for posterity.

Surprise

So when we got invited to the presscon for his latest movie "Batas Ng Lansangan," we expected FPJ to stay for a short while and limit his comments to the standard plug for his first film in two years. Imagine our surprise when he sat with a handful of reporters for close to two hours, talking about a myriad topics, and did not object to the presence of tape recorders.

We had arrived late and FPJ was already in a huddle with about a dozen reporters so we were content to eavesdrop on the conversation. He had refused to sit at the presidential table, according to his publicists, and preferred to just have a casual session with the press. Also with him that day were co-stars Dina Bonnevie, Roi Vinzon and Ricardo Cepeda.

When the group left, we were afraid that FPJ would also call it a day. Luckily for us, the King was probably energized by San Miguel and stayed on to face those of us who had arrived late. Later, we were told by a colleague who was present earlier that FPJ was more talkative with us than he had been earlier.

Favorite beverage

Our initial subject was his favorite beverage. "*Akala ng tao*, I drink everyday. No, when I work, I don't. Not a single drop. I drink *pag ganado ako, pag masaya ang kasama*. Especially when there are no negative vibes. *Hanggang umaga ako.*"

Drinking is a no-no when he's doing a movie. He recalled that for his latest movie, he was dry for a long time. In fact, he knew the exact number of days he did not touch a drop—three months and 20 days. "*Ayoko kasing hindi ako sumisipot sa shooting. Wala ako sa kondisyon.*"

After the Christmas season last year, he gained a few pounds, so he spent a lot of time in his Antipolo property, where he did a lot of brisk walking on its hilly terrain. He doesn't go to the gym and prefers the privacy of his small farm, which is planted to vegetables.

FPJ has been drinking beer for 30 years. Initially he started with gin mixed with *calamansi* and tried brandy with his perennial co-star, Eddie Garcia. But he has never touched Scotch. It's too strong, he says.

Powerful brew

He has never drunk any other brand but San Miguel. Pale Pilsen is his preferred drink, avoiding Red Horse, because his friend, fellow actor Ruel Vernal, who is the brand's endorser, says it's a powerful brew. The same goes for San Mig Light.

THE KING is back after a two-year hiatus in "Batas ng Lansangan."

WITH co-star Dina Bonnevie, who plays his sister-in-law in the movie.

FPJ. Works out in his farm.

"*Sabi nila* light, *pero namumula kaagad ako.*" When he goes abroad, he brings San Miguel with him. When he runs out, he asks someone to ship it to him. Many times, San Miguel itself would send him a case or two.

FPJ, of course, made advertising history when he agreed to be San Miguel's endorser in the late '80s for a hefty amount. Particularly memorable was his TV commercial where he played a Katipunero for SMC's centennial year.

When asked why he chose to do a commercial, something he had never done in the past, FPJ gleefully said, "I've been giving San Miguel a lot of business with the amount of beer I drink, so I thought it was time I made money from them." After the San Miguel stint, FPJ has yet to endorse other products, in spite of the high talent fee he could command.

Chocolate

If there's a product that FPJ could make an exception for as far as endorsements are concerned, it would probably be, surprise—chocolate! We never knew until we spoke to him that the movie icon is a chocoholic.

"I eat a lot of chocolates. Like hell. Cadbury's. See's. I like *yung may* marshmallow with caramel inside. When Bing Loyzaga's dad (Carlos Loyzaga) used to work with Nestle in Australia, I would ask Bing to bring me home chocolates *pag bumibisita siya sa* daddy *niya*."

Another favorite is the chocolate cake of Elvie Gonzales, the mother of Charlene. "I hate her. Here I am, working in Antipolo, *nag-eensayo* for a movie, and she comes with her chocolate cake that I can't resist. Her cake is really out of this world. It's not commercial, you know *na pinaghirapan niyang gawin.*"

Eventually, our conversation drifted to politics. In fact, late last year, stickers with the phrase "FPJ 2002" started coming out. People immediately concluded that the actor had political ambitions for the highest post in the land. When some of his friends called him, FPJ said it was all part of the promotions for his latest movie. "*Kasi nga*, I haven't done a movie in two years."

Persistence

Despite the persistence of some people who want him to run in 2004, the actor has begged off. "I wish I had the knowledge to run this country then I could say I might. But I don't."

Then he cites Dolphy's answer when the comedian was asked to run for public office. His answer was: "*E, kung manalo ako.*" "That's one for Guinness," says FPJ. "He really hit the nail on the head." ***(To be concluded)***

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'American Adobo' gets good reviews in the States

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

LOCAL viewers and reviewers have generally had good things to say about Laurice Guillen's latest film, "American Adobo." But what about the reaction in the United States, where the film has also opened, albeit in limited release? Here's a montage of early notices from reviewers in the States:

The Los Angeles Times' Kevin Thomas obviously liked what he saw: "The infectious 'American Adobo'... acquires other flavors and ingredients, just as immigrants may find their lives taking on new directions and meanings over their years in the US, while still feeling connected to their roots in their native land. It's a feeling that is at once a source of strength and conflict.

"This sense of dual identity is also a source of humor for director Guillen and writer Nebrida. They never lose it even as they embrace some wrenchingly painful moments in the lives of four friends who met as college classmates in the Philippines, now live in New York and still stay in close touch 20 years later...

"The film's wide span of emotions is handled with a sure sense of control and compassion by Guillen... 'American Adobo' unfolds during the course of a year. This span of time provides a perspective that imbues the film with a sense of the eternal human comedy... The film cuts deeper than expected...Not the least of its delicious ingredients is its having lots of heart."

For his part, Bob Campbell of the Newark Star-Ledger opines, "With 'American Adobo,' a thriving Filipino-American culture takes its rightful place at the movie table. This vibrant comedy-drama's dominant flavors are romance, humor and domesticity. The actors acquit themselves with easygoing grace. Crammed with heartfelt, observant bits, the film simmers quite nicely."

Time Out New York: "A meaty treat with genuine moments of emotion."

Asian Journal (LA): "Rich, funny and entertaining! Laurice Guillen has made a sharp, honest and courageous film that every Fil-Am and Asian American should see."

The Filipino Reporter (NY): "A major triumph! It deserves all the applause and support from Filipino-Americans it could possibly get."

FIONA Loewi and Cameron Daddo in "Drive Time Murder," 7 p.m. Feb. 24 on The Hallmark Channel.

G Toengi dances up a storm at the Discovery Suites' "Baila."

The Filipino Express (NY): "A poignant, compelling and oddly funny film. Splendid direction from Guillen and strikingly natural dialogue from Nebrida. The performances are brilliant."

What about the nay-sayers? They complain about the film's ungainly shift in tone from comic to somber, some "old" themes, and an excessively verbose script. But they are decidedly in the minority.

'Drive Time Murder'

"Drive Time Murder," a whodunnit that is also a screwball comedy, will be screened on The Hallmark Channel at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 24.

Dick and Dorothy Dashman are the Nick and Nora Charles of the 21st century. They solve crimes with a lot of wit, sophistication and style.

They host a daily radio show. It is their unexpected encounter with a homeless woman that tests their heretofore untapped skills at solving crimes—in this case, murder.

But who would want to kill an indigent bag lady? The Dashmans use the airwaves to find out. They discover a scandal that leads them to the highest places in government and society.

Dick is played by Cameron Daddo, while Dorothy is portrayed by Fiona Loewi.

Guest performer

G Toengi danced up a storm at "*Baila*," the Discovery Suites' New year's Eve party at the end of 2001. She was the guest performer at the renowned group Puro Ritmo's show featuring authentic Latin and Carribean music. Discovery Suites, a leading full-service apartment building, is located at the heart of Ortigas.

i-ACADEMY joins search

The Information and Communications Technology Academy or i-ACADEMY has joined MTV Philippines and Penshoppe in their search for five girls and five boys to compose the MTV and Penshoppe Youth Council.

Aside from educating future information and communication technology practitioners, I-ACADEMY supports programs that recognize young achievers.

It recently launched its own I-A.M. (i-ACADEMY Achievers and Movers)annual recognition program with awards going to young professionals Jun Yupitun of Pilipinas Teleserve, Richard Kho of Technistock and Eric Yaptangco of American International Underwriters.

Goodlooking young men and women are invited to join the Feb 17 (Sunday) Screening Night of the Mr. And Ms. Bikini Open at Padi's MINDAVE Restaurant Bar (Mindanao ave. cor Congressional ave., QC). The Foxynations band will perform. Call 453-0080.

Rave party

Jags Jeans, Padi's MINDAVE, Nesvita and brothers Burger will sponsor the Feb. 22 (Friday at 7 p.m.) "Rage" modeling competition and rave parties of the 10 dormitories at UP Diliman. The exciting event will be held at the Kamia Residence Hall.

'Chicken Run' on HBO

"Chicken Run" is premiering its TV run at 9 p.m. on Feb. 16. Other playdates are Feb. 20 at 12:30 p.m., Feb 21 at 12:45 p.m., and Feb 24 at 9:30 p.m.

The popular animated feature can be enjoyed on several levels: Children love it for its cute characters, while adults appreciate its wry humor and parodies of films like "Star Trek" and "Stalag 17."

66 participants

Out of 753 applicants to Ricky Lee's 14th Scriptwriting Workshop for Film and TV, 66 have been chosen. They will be divided into two batches. Sessions will start on Feb. 16 and 17, respectively. The workshop is for free.

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Clara's prom

FACE TO FACE

Inday Badiday

IT'S that season in the school calendar once more when pretty girls become sophisticated ladies, seemingly with the mere wave of an unseen magic wand.

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Pure enchantment

Yes, it's prom time—and the starry wonder twinkling in the eyes of Clara, my 16-year-old pretty, young thing, was pure enchantment to a mom like me. I'm sure I was a ton more excited than her over this milestone in her school life.

She was tense, I ate butterflies for breakfast. She was jittery, I was all over the floor. And, as the day drew near, her excitement level inched higher—I was a total nervous wreck!

I don't, for the life of me, remember worrying this much or working myself up to this kind of frenzy ever before—not even for my own prom night. I spent my junior year at UP High and, no matter how hard I rack my memory banks, I can't remember a single detail about my prom night there—except that we all envied the *lakambini* because she was a sight direct from fantasyland.

Her gown must have been borrowed from Cinderella when she went to the ball, her face was radiant like Prince Charming had kissed her, and all our crushes lined up to dance with her, totally oblivious to lesser mortals like us!

(By the way, when I got to meet her again many years later, she had to reintroduce herself to me because I didn't recognize her at all. The image of a goddess of beauty and loveliness was gone. She had become so stout that her neck vanished between folds of fatty tissues. I was sure, there was a lesson hidden there somewhere.)

Vague memories

I took my senior year of high school studies at Philippine Women's University and, similarly, I have but vague memories of my prom night there. I remember, I hated my harem-cut, tent-like, flaming red dress with matching red shoes. I also hated my teased, beehive hair with a very un-Frenchy French twist.

And I couldn't care less about the *mestizong bangus* I had for an escort, who was the son of a cabinet secretary "arranged" for me by a friend of my mom. How could I care for him when I already had a boyfriend then and he wasn't permitted to enter the venue of our prom night?

(Whew! If Clara has experienced even just a fraction of what I already had then, at about the same age, I'd probably die! Truly, I appreciate my mom a million times more these days.)

I also didn't fuss much over my elder daughter Dolly Ann's prom night. I had people to do things for me then. They arranged everything, I just issued a blank check. But I did see to it that Dolly dazzled everyone that night.

A mean stone dangled from her necklace and matching earrings glittered from both sides of her head. And she had two escorts—no less than William Martinez and Gabby Concepcion, both at the height of their popularity then, and sparkling even more brilliantly than the jewels that Dolly wore.

Envy

All of Dolly's classmates, who haughtily sneered at her for being show biz and therefore *baduy*, had to gulp down their envy that night as they vainly tried to hide the desire to have just a single photo taken with one of her escorts--who, unfortunately for them, only had eyes for my daughter!

But all the things I did for Dolly's prom weren't more tiresome than a phone call. Nothing compared to all the trouble I excitedly went through for Clara's special night. I really fussed and fretted over every tiny detail.

I'm sure I was a huge pain in the neck for everyone whose help I had sought to make the prom of my youngest joy truly memorable.

Months before the big day, I called up Bong Lazo to do Clara's gown. I thought he was busy so I had Bea Albert, a new but very promising designer, do the dress and the matching shoes, too. That was why when the day finally came, Clara had two outfits to choose from. She originally toyed with the idea of wearing both in the course of the evening but must have forgotten, caught up as she was in the magic of the moment.

I personally brought Clara over for measurements and fittings, arranged for her hair and make-up, and bought the simple crystal necklace that accented her outfit. And I gave Clara all sorts of unsolicited advice. Like, savor and enjoy both the good and the bad moments. Feel beautiful. Smile a lot. Be the princess that you are.

I also taught her a few dance steps. I mean, I was a dancing queen in my time, wasn't I!

Worried

Of course, deep inside, I was worried about all sorts of dreadful possibilities. The boys might not want to dance with her. She might trip on her dress while dancing. She might not say the right words when guys talked to her. Somebody might decide to be nasty to her and she might cry. Or she might be too timid to enjoy everything there was to enjoy—!

I am very glad that I was there for Clara. We talked about the most mundane concerns—like, what to do when armpits get wet, how to retouch a smudged eyeliner, how not to stare when a really dashing guy passes by and takes your breath away, how to smile back when a cutie smiles at you, how to drink cola in can when you're all dressed up, and how to walk like a princess when you actually feel like a frog.

AT THE PROM. From left, Abby Pilao, Clara, Serena Ang, Kristine Wycoco and Blesee Tech.

CLARA at 16, a child no longer.

CLARA (left) with her best friends, Ivan Villamar and Pat Natividad .

It was a terrific bonding experience with my daughter. I never realized how good preparing for the prom was in terms of creating memories and deepening kinship between mother and daughter.

Escort

At the last minute, Clara told me she had to buy a boutonniere for her escort and I panicked. The escort—how could I forget all about the escort! Endless questions raced through my mind. Would he be proper enough? What would he wear? Was he a gentleman or would he take advantage of my daughter's innocent vulnerability?

Well, I really shouldn't have worried. He picked up Clara at the appointed time. He was a dapper dresser, the perfect gentleman all through the night. And he comes from a very good family, too.

Parents were not invited to the prom. I couldn't understand that rule. I wanted so much to see Clara without her knowing that I was watching her. And why was an actress-mom allowed to enter, while poor, little me was not? I whiled the time away at Ristorante Italiano in Greenhills, situated just beside OB Montessori, Clara's school.

The school and the restaurant are owned by the same family, As I toyed with the food at the restaurant, I was hoping to be seen by the owner and asked to witness my daughter's special moment. No such luck!

Agitation

After an hour of agitating myself, I surrendered myself to the fact that I was being silly and I reluctantly went home to wait for my daughter. I put a videotape on the machine but I had to rewind it every so often because the story just wouldn't sink in. My mind was too distracted to focus on anything.

Clara came home at two in the morning. After the prom, she and her friends moved to one of those trendy places in Libis. She was either too tired or too sleepy to talk. I had to wait for lunch for her to "unload" all of the night's excitement.

But it was anti-climactic. As Clara related to me everything that happened, I felt a kind of letdown. I don't' know if it was a case of over-expectation. Th excitement I envisioned in my mind could just have been a lot bigger than the real thing.

Or Clara just grew up. I was all worked up over her prom night, while she simply and very quietly went about the business of becoming a lady . . . That realization brought a lump to my throat. My baby is a baby no longer!

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Shannen Doherty's acerbic, tactless ways

SHOW BIZ Q & A

Rito P. Asilo

WANT to know how your favorite stars were discovered? Or, if they really are as charming in real life as they are on the silver screen?

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This week's Q and A:

"Why did Shannen Doherty leave "Charmed"? Or, was she sacked for being difficult? Without her, the show just isn't the same. Even the episodes she directed were great."—*Lalaine Valcorza, Gusa, Cagayan de Oro City.*

Shannen is known for her tactlessness. Her rebellious nature and outspoken ways led to her departure from "Beverly Hills 90210," another Aaron Spelling show like "Charmed." Sometimes, she just doesn't know when to keep her mouth shut.

Initially, it was reported that she wasn't getting along with her co-stars, especially Alyssa, and that she would only talk to them when they had to act "sisterly" during taping.

But in reality, she was really close to Holly (Entertainment Tonight even reported that Holly didn't want to do the show without her, but she encouraged the former to continue because she knew Holly loved doing the show). They even bought a blue Cherokee jeep together! You would think that directing three episodes ("Be Careful What You Witch For," "The Good, The Bad, The Cursed," "All Hell Breaks Loose") would have endeared the show to her.

The truth is, she just felt she was becoming too old (she's turning 31 on April 12; Holly Marie Combs is 28, Alyssa Milano is 29) for a show like "Charmed."

But Shannen has always had a way with...err...words. Her fans agonized over the announcement of her leaving the show last season.

But her acerbic tactlessness shortened the "withdrawal" process for her fans were feeling when Movieline quoted her as saying, "There were a couple of episodes where I gave the most brilliantly honest performance I could have ever given as an actor. What you saw came from my gut. But when I looked at those moments, I knew they were not being given their proper due because they were on 'Charmed.' It's a show for 12-year-olds!"

And so, her character, Prue Halliwell, died at the end of the season, and in came Paige Matthews (played by Rose McGowan). And the fans? Let's just say McGowan suddenly looked charming in their eyes.

"I love Daniel Radcliffe because he is so cute. What movies did he appear in before he won the role of Harry Potter, and who were his co-stars? How was he discovered?"—*Jovelyn Javier, Cagayan Valley*

The 12-year-old child wonder, who won Youth Male Discovery of the Year at the Golden Apple Awards in London last December, first appeared as the young David Copperfield in a BBC TV movie in 1999, with Ciaran McMenamin as the adult David, Bob Hoskins, Sir Ian McKellen and Maggie Smith (who won a BAFTA Best Actress Award for her performance, plus an Emmy nomination).

Before copping the role of the boy wizard, he also appeared in John Boorman's "The Tailor of Panama," a spy movie based on John LeCarre's novel, starring Pierce Brosnan, Geoffrey Rush and Jamie Lee Curtis.

Dan played the son of Rush and Curtis. Incidentally, it looks like your wait to see him on the big screen won't be long now because posters of the movie are starting to appear in theater malls.

Radcliffe was discovered quite by chance when "Potter" producer David Heyman and Steve Kloves, the scriptwriter, spotted him in a theater with his parents (a literary agent and a casting director).

Heyman said, "Sitting two seats in front was this boy, with these eyes, and I was dumbstruck! I kept looking at him throughout the play... I was seeing Harry Potter!" He was then invited to audition for director Chris Columbus, who said, "When he walked into the room, we all knew we had found Harry."

When Daniel Radcliffe learned that he had gotten the part, he cried!

'American Adobo' gets good reviews in the States

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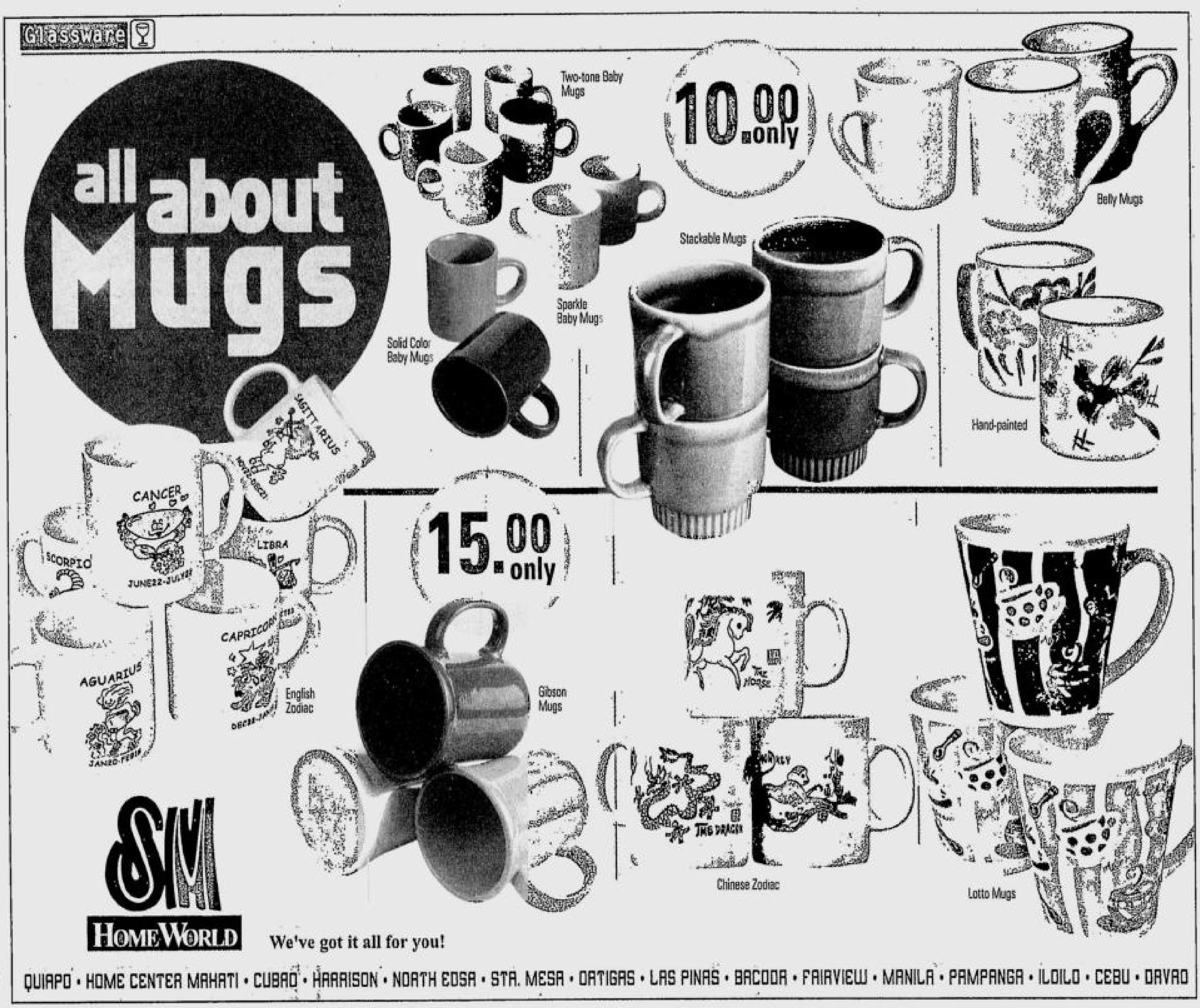
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Andy Garcia on the risk of artistic compromise

GARCIA. Consider changes carefully.

By Bob Tourtellotte

PARK CITY, Utah—Actor Andy Garcia has some sage advice for young filmmakers eager to sell their movies at the Sundance Film Festival here: when it comes to making edits that meet Hollywood's demands, hold your ground.

Or, at least, consider the changes carefully.

Last-minute deal

Garcia's latest film, The Man from Elysian Fields," which he co-produced and stars in with Mick Jagger, Julianna Margulies and James Coburn, premiered here on Monday last week, and if it weren't for a last minute distribution deal announced on the festival's first day, he'd be right there with the wannabe movie moguls trying to sell his film.

But it's a sure bet Garcia, who starred in the recent blockbuster "Ocean's Eleven" wouldn't bend too far with edits to his movie just to cut a Hollywood deal.

"In the past, I've found that issues that come up when they want to alter a film that's already been made or cut . . . for marketing reasons or something . . . ultimately I find it doesn't make a difference," he told Reuters.

"My sense is that it's best to diplomatically hold your ground as much as you can. Keep with the vision of why you made the movie, as much as you can," he said.

Practically speaking, he knows there is always compromise in show biz. Indeed, in developing the script for "Elysian Fields," he asked the writer to slightly change his character, a struggling author named Byron Tiller, and revise the ending.

Different issues

"Different types of movies have different issues," he said. "Some decisions will be more important and you say, 'No, I won't do that,' or, you have to say, 'Okay, go ahead and distribute it.'"

The notion of compromise was important in developing "Elysian Fields" especially when it came to the lead character, Tiller, who begins the movie as a married man and struggling writer but soon finds himself working as a male escort.

Garcia said originally Tiller was a real ladies man, but that image didn't fit well because he must wrestle with his conscience as he sleeps with women behind his wife's back. So, they altered Tiller's character and made him less willing to hit the bedroom. There's another major change toward the end, but to give it away would spoil the movie.

Tiller's first novel was a moderately successful mainstream thriller, but his second book has just been rejected by his publisher when he meets a mysterious man named Luther Fox (Jagger). Tiller is flat busted with no money in the bank to care for his wife (Margulies) and a kid, and nobody willing to give him a job, except for fox.

Fox's offer, however is less than ideal, despite its lucrative paycheck. Still, Tiller takes Fox up on his offer, and soon he is being paid to date wealthy women.

Moral dilemma

As audiences might imagine, Tiller has a moral dilemma of the worst kind, but things get even more complicated when he provides his service to Andrea Alcott (Olivia Williams), wife of Pulitzer Prize winning Tobias Alcott (Coburn).

Alcott is dying and approves of Andrea's liaisons because, he says, he wants her to be happy. He also takes a liking to Tiller and enlists him in finishing his latest novel, which only adds to Tiller's moral dilemma.

Co-authoring with Alcott holds the possibility of fame and fortune as a writer—all he's ever wanted professionally—but it also means continuing to lie as a husband and father.

Fame, fortune, selling one's artistic soul to the devil?

Sounds like an independent filmmaker's dilemma when Hollywood comes knocking at the door. And, as Tiller learns—and Garcia says—sometimes it's best to leave the door shut. If you open it, there's always a price to be paid.

Reuters

Dominic takes career one day at a time

By Jocelyn Valle

FOUR-and-a-half years ago, Dominic Ochoa seemed like just one of ABS-CBN's new recruits from the modeling world who, jaded show biz insiders predicted, would get nowhere fast.

Young comer

The young comer, indeed, took to playing the usual dreamboat roles in several movies and teleplays. Then in 2000, he got the part of Ulysses, the closet gay brother of Jolina Magdangal's character in Channel 2's "Labs Ko Si Babes."

Suddenly, Dominic found his place in the biz. "I never thought I'd last this long," he admits, grinning. "But since Day One, I knew that show business was 'it' for me." With a degree in Commerce, the UST grad had a few nine-to-five jobs before realizing that his luck and passion went beyond corporate life.

Big boost

He considers being chosen as a third of the Whattamen trio, along with more popular young stars Rico Yan and Marvin Agustin, a big boost to his career. The 20-something actors are mainstays of the noontime variety show, "MTB," and they likewise have their own 30-minute sitcom named after their group.

OCHOA. Five-year deadline.

Initially, though, they were apprehensive about being identified as a trio, since they had their own solo careers. After carefully weighing the merits of the offer, they soon accepted it as a sound professional move.

"MTB" is aired from Monday to Saturday and caters to the *masa* audience, enabling the trio to broaden its fan base. Meanwhile, "Whattamen," their Wednesday-night program, hones their comedic talents.

Hence, when they tackle a dramatic role, either in drama series or movies, people will surely welcome the digression.

Friends

"Plus," Dominic points out, "we really are friends. *Madaling katrabaho sina* Rico at Marvin." Rico and Dominic, in fact, had fun making Star Cinema's new film, "Got 2 Believe," where the latter plays the handsome and rich "hindrance" to the reel romance of real-life sweethearts Rico and Claudine Barretto.

Just the same, Dominic is giving the trio a realistic five-year deadline. Meantime, the media giant's discoveries are enjoying the stint. Dominic especially remembers the overseas travels of the "MTB" family. Last year, they went to Hong Kong (August), the US (October) and Japan (December).

The Hong Kong trip was extra memorable because ABS-CBN-owned cable station, The Filipino Channel, has no facilities there. Meaning, Filipinos there are not able to watch local programs on TV. They get in touch with Pinoy show biz via fanzines and movies on VHS tapes (and occasionally, on the wide screen, like the Vilma Santos starrer, "Anak") that are sold by their enterprising compatriots.

Happy

"In Japan," he adds, "*natuwa ako dahil ang daming* Filipino. *Pero nalungkot din ako kasi,* why do they have to work there? They were either happy because they had Japanese partners, or they were sad because they wanted to go home."

Dominic has made his personal discoveries, too, in following his destiny in the entertainment industry. "I've realized *na mababaw pala ang luha ko,*" he laughs. "I never cried in front of other people before. I was a shy and quiet kid."

We thought so, too, four-and-a-half years ago. "But there's always more to learn!" Dominic avers.

Jeric Raval is a gunslinging vampire in 'Pistolero'

By Edmund L. Sicam

RAVAL. A bloodsucking hero.

VAMPIRES battling werewolves in a local action flick? You better believe it. What's more, the *hero* played by Jeric Raval is the bloodsucking creature. Of course, in this day and age, motion pictures have begun to look kindly on creatures from the netherworld. Blame it on Francis Ford Coppola, who made Dracula a vampire with a lot of angst. Why, some of us even shed a few tears when Gary Oldman as the Count was beheaded in the closing scene. Wesley Snipes played another sympathetic vampire in "Blade." He hunted down the bad guys with his samurai-like sword.

Vacation

In Regal Films' "Pistolero," Jeric goes for a much-needed vacation in his hometown and becomes a bloodthirsty vampire on his 25th birthday, the result of a centuries-old curse cast upon his ancestors by a family of werewolves. Their two families have always been involved in a rivalry resolved by guns in the mold of "High Noon."

Jeric is playing a vampire for the first time in his career. "*Ibang klaseng bampira ito,*" says the actor. "*Magaling siya sa baril. Asintado, madiskarte at maabilidad. Nagulat nga ako nung sinabi nilang* gunslinger *ang* role *ko, pero sumisipsip ng dugo. Pero nung nabasa ko yung* script, *naintindihan ko kung bakit siya ganun.*"

John Apacible, who has played an abusive lover and drug dealer in previous movies, is an abusive werewolf here, out to crush Jeric in a bloody confrontation. He and his band of saber-toothed confederates have something planned for their enemy, which they hope will finally lay their centuries old feud to rest.

Doctor

Newcomer Jo Ann Miller plays a small town doctor who tries to help Jeric overcome his problems and in the process falls for the dashing gunslinger. Apacible is also smitten by her so his hatred for Jeric becomes even more intense.

Director William Mayo admits that he was inspired by Hollywood movies that dealt with the macabre, like "The Crow" and "From Dusk Till Dawn."

Last year, Mayo also directed Jeric in another action-horror film, "Angel de la Guardia" and the feedback was positive.

Christian music thriving as overall music sales decline

By Amy Green

NASHVILLE, Tennessee—Christian music had its best sales year in the United States in 2001, improving while overall music sales declined 2.8 percent.

Spiritual hunger

"I honestly think there's been a spiritual hunger for quite some time," said Christian singer Michael W. Smith, whose album "Worship" was one of the top selling Christian albums last year. "Now I kind of feel like we're a force to reckon with."

Christian music sold 49.9 million albums, up 12 percent from 2000, according to SoundScan, which tracks music sales for the industry. Country, jazz, soundtracks and New Age music recorded gains, while alternative, classical, Latin, metal, R&B and rap were flat or declined.

Overall, music industry sales declined to 762.8 million, from 785.1 million in 2000. Two reasons were cited often by industry leaders: a declining economy and people downloading music from the Internet without paying.

Christian music—a broad category which includes black gospel, contemporary Christian, and praise and worship music—was apparently less affected then other genres by such market conditions. Sales took a dramatic upward turn after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, jumping more than 20 percent over 2000 sales for about a month.

Significant

Frank Breeden, president of the Gospel Music Association, said Sept. 11 was significant, but not the only reason Christian sales were up.

Christian music was selling about 9 percent ahead of 2000 before the attacks, he said. It also benefited from more Christian stations emerging in major markets such as Chicago, Dallas and Atlanta. The genre's variety of music categories—Christian rock, Christian rap, traditional gospel—helped attract a variety of listeners to insulate against economic fluctuations.

The top-selling Christian recording was "Christmas Extraordinaire" by Mannheim Steamroller, an act which hasn't been associated with the Christian music industry over its long career. This year, however, the group's popular Christmas music was distributed dually on a mainstream label and the Christian label, EMI Christian Music Group.

The soundtrack to "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" also was in the Top 10. The CD features gospel music but was put together by the country division of Mercury Records, not a Christian music label.

Trade magazine

Deborah Evans Price, who covers Christian music for Billboard, a music industry trade magazine, believes Christian music will continue to grow.

Efforts to add Christian music displays in mainstream stores and connect with Christian youth groups are working, she said. The genre also will gain strength as more mainstream music labels buy up Christian labels.

"Obviously these mainstream labels see Christian music as a viable market," she said. "I don't think Christian music is going to do anything different. I just think more people will seek it out."

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SNEAK PREVIEW

'Shallow Hal' goes off the beaten track

By Nestor U. Torre

"SHALLOW Hal" is an interesting movie to watch because it goes off the beaten track in terms of casting, theme and style.

For starters, it casts the lovely and ethereal Gwyneth Paltrow as a grotesquely fat woman.

Prosthetics

—Come again? Yes, through the deft use of prosthetics and doubles, the trim actress balloons into a very obese person in front of our very eyes.

That's the point: To us, she looks fat. But to her leading man, Jack Black, she's as slim and stunning as a supermodel.

What's going on here? Well, at the start of the movie, Black has established himself as a cynical, unfeeling guy (hence the "Shallow" in the film's title) who judges people purely on the basis of their physical appearance.

He makes it a point to date only beautiful women, but he doesn't look great himself, so they keep junking him. Worse, he's downright cruel to the plain-looking people he meets. So, one fine day, a self-transformation guru zaps him with a mysterious incantation so he can kick his shallow, cruel habit.

New person

Well, he does! By the time he meets (fat) Gwyneth, he's a new person who looks at the world with kinder eyes, so he thinks (obese) Gwyneth is a beautiful doll.

At first, of course, Gwyneth thinks he's pulling her (fat) leg, but she later realizes that he's sincere, so she "blooms" under his loving gaze.

Of course, Jack's friends think he's gone crazy, but he learns to ignore their cruel remarks—until, just when he and Gwyneth are supremely happy, his best friend finds out the secret, un-zaps him, and makes Jack finally see how "obscenely" fat Gwyneth really is.

Another casting innovation is the decision of this movie's directors, Peter and Bobby Farrelly, to cast the relatively little known Jack Black as the production's leading man. Black isn't bad-looking, but he's shorter than Paltrow and rather stocky.

PALTROW. Painfully vulnerable performance.

Exactly right

But he's exactly right for the role, because his character isn't supposed to be a hunk and is in fact a loser who doesn't know why he's driving all the pretty women away.

Well, Black turns out to be a comic find, and does so well in this movie that his stellar film career appears to be assured. Paltrow also turns in a fine, perceptive, and painfully vulnerable performance as the fat woman who looks wonderful only in her entranced boyfriend's eyes.

Another plus element is the film's theme, which cautions both the film's characters and viewers against the shallowness and cruelty of judging people merely on the basis of their physical beauty. This is one of the prevailing attitudes of "hip" people today, and helps explain the lack of substance in our society, the film observes.

Nuances

Finally, "Shallow Hal" utilizes stylistic variations and nuances that make the film unique. Particularly effective is its visual juxtaposition of two different ways of seeing in one scene, like shots of Gwyneth as both slim *and* obese, intercut with each other, depending on which character is doing the looking.

The film may sometimes strike viewers as simplistic, but it is really saying something quite significant, in an affectingly inventive and interesting way.

Jamie . . .

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to sing, of course, her Valentine's song. She revealed that she and her husband usually celebrate Valentine's Day a day or so after the 14th because of her commitments.

"Actually, *sa amin, pare-pareho naman iyan! Lagi kasi kami kumakain sa labas, e! Lagi kami nagde*-date *ng asawa ko*," she says matter-of-factly. Jamie shared with us the lovely story of how she and her husband met.

She told us that 15 years ago, when she was still going steady with a musician, her husband was already watching her shows at Circus, Circus and Birdland. The man was very decent and did not court Jamie because he knew that she had a boyfriend at that time. But he would send her chocolates and flowers.

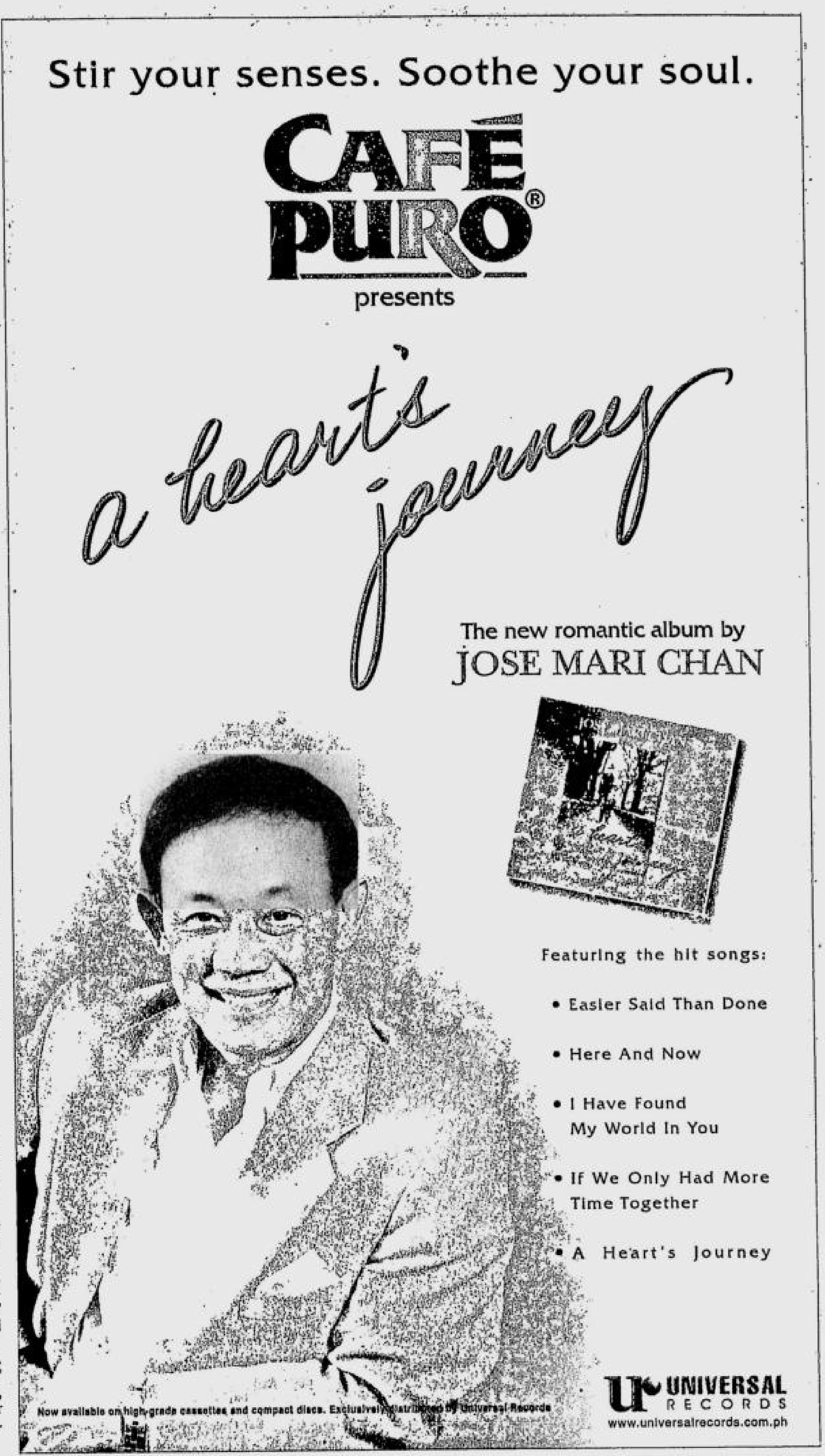
Admirer

During one of her shows at Birdland, her admirer took two pictures of her. He had them enlarged and then sent them over to Jamie's house. Jamie appreciated the gesture very much and kept the pictures in her room. Years passed, and she and her musician-boyfriend broke up. She went to London to do "Miss Saigon." All this time, she kept the pictures in her room.

"Hindi ko tinatanggal. Basta alam ko lang, may taong nagbigay sa akin niyan. Nakalimutan ko na kung sino!" she reveals.

Then when Jamie came back to Manila in 1993, as fate would have it, she bumped into her admirer again. She was coming out of the ladies' room of Shangri-la Hotel, when someone called out her name.

He immediately introduced himself: "I'm Dr. Mendoza. *Ako yung nagpadala sa iyo ng picture.*" Jamie says she recognized him right away. "*Tapos*, after a month, *nag*-start *na kami mag*-date. After eight months, *nagpakasal kami*!" she says delightedly.



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Jamie has a song for every occasion in 'Seasons'

By Edmund L. Sicam

IN SPITE of the slump experienced by the music industry this year, Star Records executive Vilma Selga proudly states that her company posted a healthy growth of 22 percent. Selga belied reports that Star is closing shop and has been forced to institute drastic cost-cutting measures. She made the disclosure at a recent press conference for Jamie Rivera's album "Seasons."

Platinum albums

According to Selga, Jamie's Jubilee song hit quintuple platinum while "Heal Our Land' did double platinum. "Tanging Yaman," on the other hand, was triple platinum.

Because of these songs, Jamie has earned herself a title which she says she is not very comfortable with. "*Kinikilabutan pa rin ako pag tinatawag akong* inspirational diva!" she says, laughing. "*Parang dapat ang bait-bait ko!*" Her recordings have become so popular that they are used to teach children, especially in Catholic schools.

Jamie Rivera's latest work is packaged as a purple hardbound book, slightly larger than a typical plastic CD case. The book is about 30 pages thick, containing the lyrics of the 12 songs included in the album. Another novelty is that every song celebrates a special occasion in the year.

"Begin Again," written by Trina Belamide, is a song for New Year. "My Valentine," a collaboration of Jamie and Mon Espia, is for the Season of Hearts. "All Because of You," by Christine Bendebel, is a song for Father's Day.

Jamie has also recorded "Lupang Hinirang" and "Panatang Makabayan" to celebrate Independence Day. And she has a graduation song, a song for Lent, Mother's Day, weddings, birthdays, All Souls' Day, and of course, Christmas.

Valentine's shows

Like most performers, Jamie had several shows lined up this Valentine's season, occasions for her

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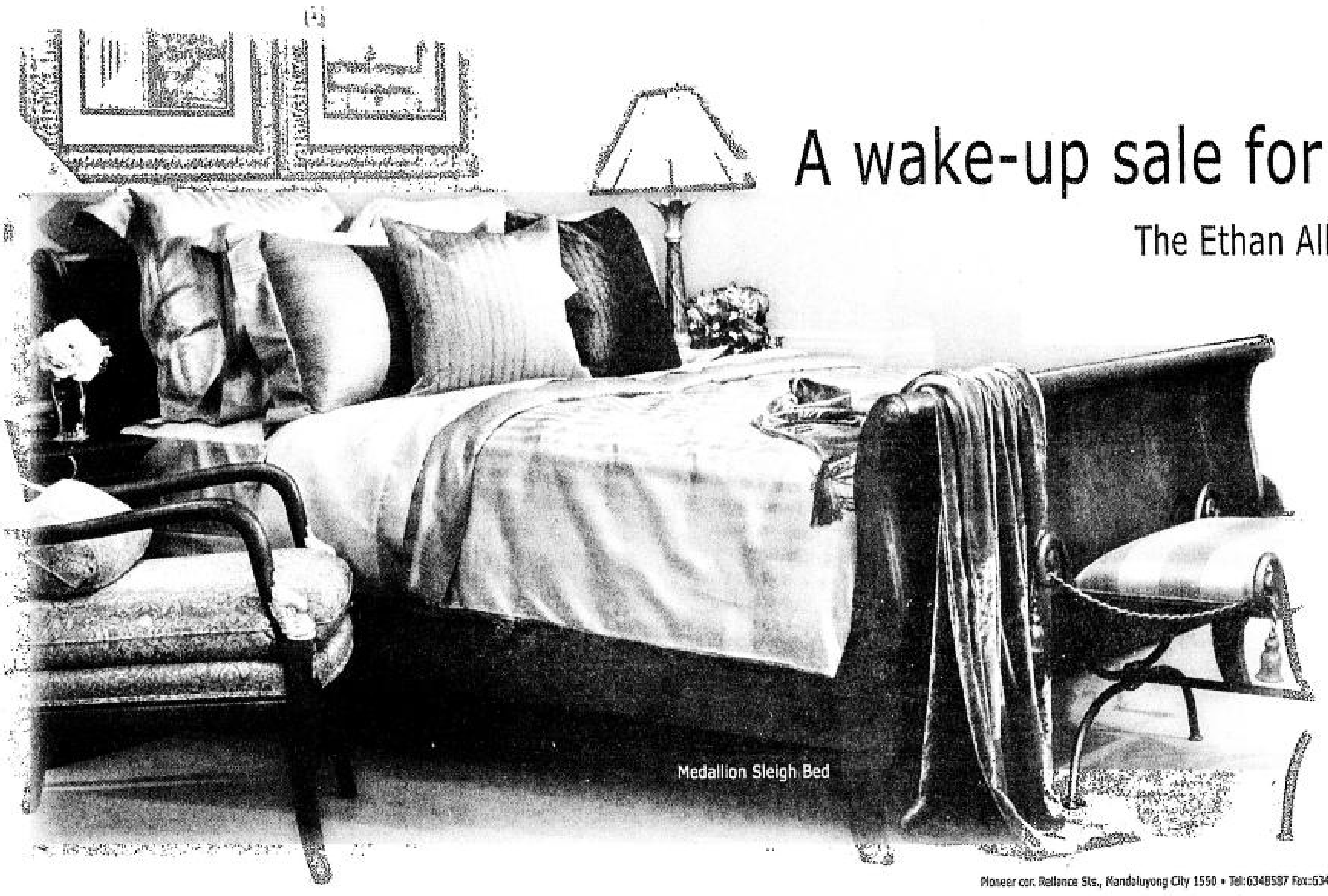
RIVERA. Not comfortable with "Inspirational Diva" tag.



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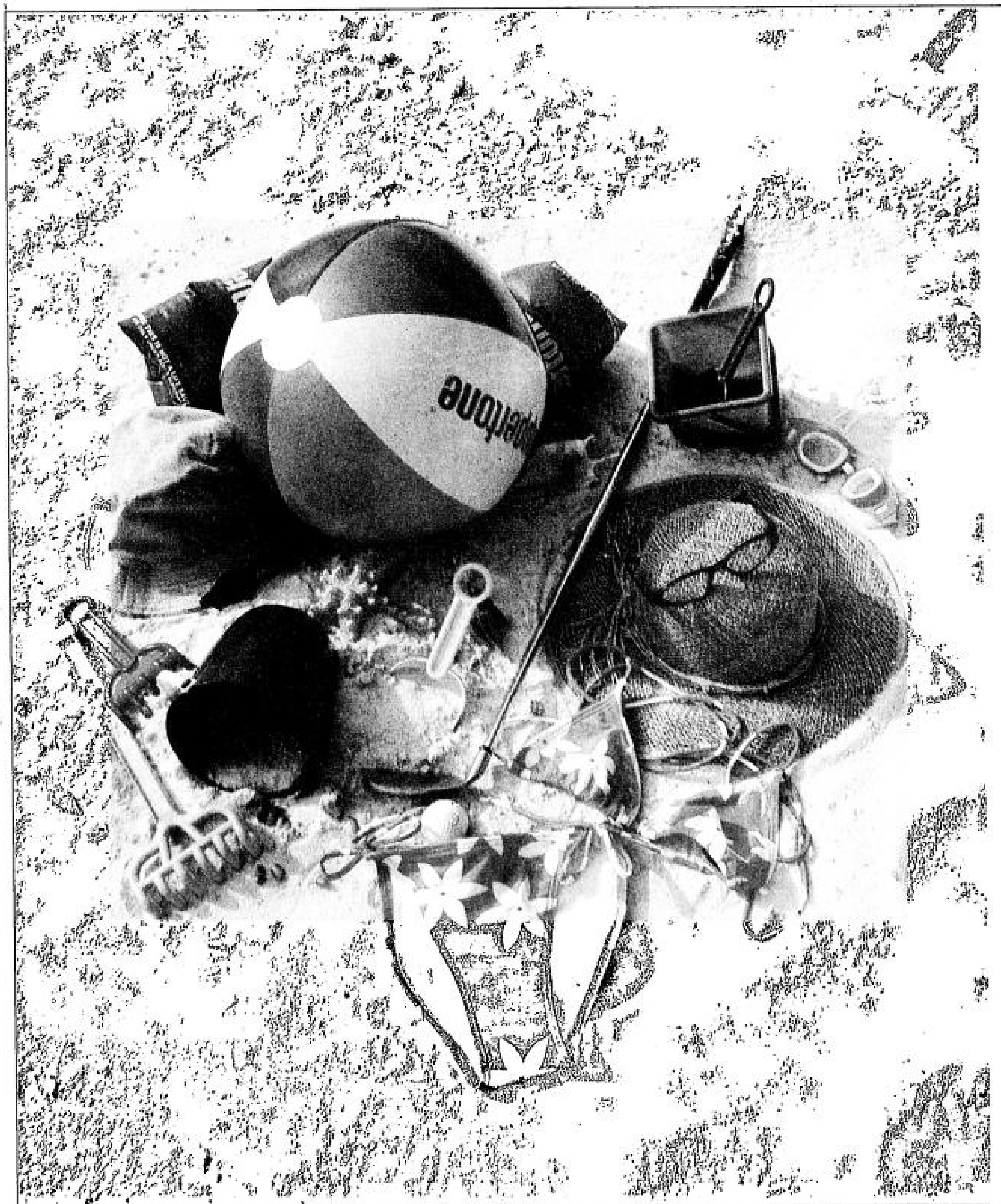

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SATURDAY Special

Movie bill seeks to revive languishing film industry

By Nestor U. Torre

THE YEAR 2002 could be a signal year for the local film industry and its audience. Sometime soon, the Senate and the House of Representatives will discuss a bill creating the Film Development Board or Council, which will initiate and coordinate programs to revive the ailing movie industry.

Help

Film workers know only too well that the industry needs help *now*, not tomorrow, so they are rallying behind its main proponent, the Film Development Foundation of the Philippines (FDFPI), led by its new president, filmmaker Laurice Guillen, and chairman, Dr. Bienvenido Lumbera.

The FDFPI leaders and other film industry stalwarts impressed committees of both the Senate and the House some weeks ago when they came up with a cogent and convincing Power Point presentation that showed why the bill should be passed and implemented as soon as possible.

The presentation so galvanized the legislators present that they speeded the process along, and the bill, in both its Senate and House forms, will be up for deliberation by both legislative bodies in a short while.

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'Collateral Damage' leads US box office

LOS ANGELES—Arnold Schwarzenegger said he'd be back.

The action star's "Collateral Damage" debuted as the top weekend movie with $15.1 million, his first No. 1 opening since "Batman & Robin" nearly five years ago.

"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," last year's highest-grossing movie, finally dropped out of the top 20 after nearly three months. The film is expected to finish at about $320 million domestically.

Top 20 movies

The top 20 movies at North American theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by distribution studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. and ACNielsen EDI Inc. are:

1. "Collateral Damage," Warner Bros., $15.1 million, 2,824 locations, $5,332 average, $15.1 million, one week.

2. "Big Fat Liar," Universal, $11.6 million, 2,531 locations, $4,565, $11.6 million, one week.

3. "Rollerball," MGM, $9 million, 2,762 locations, $3,263 average, $9 million, one week.

4. "Black Hawk Down," Sony, $8 million, 2,964 locations, $2,700 average, $86.7 million, seven weeks.

5. "Snow Dogs," Disney, $7.2 million, 2,454 locations, $2,925 average, $59.9 million, four weeks.

6. "The Count of Monte Cristo," Disney, $6.5 million, 2,199 locations, $2,936 average, $32.4 million, three weeks.

'A Beautiful Mind'

7. "A Beautiful Mind," Universal, $6.3 million, 2,220 locations, $2,840 average, $113.3 million, eight weeks.

8. "A Walk to Remember," Warner Bros., $5.5 million, 2,311 locations, $2,398 average, $30.3 million, three weeks.

9. "The Mothman Prophecies," Sony-Screen Gems, $4.9 million, 2,275 locations, $2,141 average, $28 million, three weeks.

10. "I Am Sam," New Line, $4.6 million, 1,450 locations, $3,186 average, $23.8 million, seven weeks.

11. "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring," New Line, $3.6 million, 1,706 locations. $2,121 average, $271.4 million, eight weeks.

12. "Monster's Ball," Lions Gate, $2.3 million, 342 locations, $6,787 average, $3.9 million, seven weeks.

'Gosford Park'

13. "Gosford Park," USA Films, $1.9 million, 836 locations, $2,262 average, $22 million, seven weeks.

14. "In the Bedroom," Miramax, $1.7 million, 737 locations, $2,299 average, $19.3 million, 12 weeks.

15. "The Royal Tenenbaums," Disney, $1.5 million, 729 locations, $2,103 average, $47.1 million, nine weeks.

16. "Kung Pow! Enter the Fist," Fox, $1.4 million, 1,266 locations, $1,108 average, $14.2 million, three weeks.

17. "Brotherhood of the Wolf," Universal, $1.2 million, 404 locations, $2,887 average, $8.6 million, five weeks.

18. "Birthday Girl," Miramax, $1.134 million, 977 locations, $1,161 average, $4.3 million, two weeks.

19. "Slackers," Sony, $1.13 million, 1,877 locations, $600 average, $4.8 million, two weeks.

20. "Orange County," Paramount, $1.1 million, 1,406 locations, $795 average, $39.5 million, five weeks.

AP

SCHWARZENEGGER. His best opening in five years.

Activists say film insults Colombians, firefighters

By Carolyn Feibel

NEW YORK—Colombian activists say an action movie that was delayed after the Sept. 11 attacks is insulting to Colombians and firefighters.

Rebel leader

"Collateral Damage" stars Arnold Schwarzenegger as a firefighter whose wife and son are killed when a Colombian rebel leader sets off a bomb in Los Angeles. Schwarzenegger travels to Colombia to seek vengeance against the bomber.

The movie was pulled by Warner Bros. from its Oct. 5 release date out of concern it would be too disturbing after the Sept. 11 attacks.

At a news conference, the film was criticized by the Rev. Brian Jordan, a Franciscan priest who ministers to workers at Ground Zero.

"It is discriminatory against Colombians," said Jordan, flanked by professionals and politicians of Colombian descent. "The sins of the few should not be inflicted on the rest," he said, referring to the guerillas in Colombia's civil war.

Jordan also said making the main character a firefighter who becomes a vigilante is an insult to the firefighters who became heroes after the terrorist attacks.

Request denied

Jordan said the studio had denied his request for a preview of the film, and he has not seen it.

A spokesperson for the studio did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Many of the protesters said they feared the movie will cement stereotypes that Colombians are drug traffickers and guerillas, rather than hardworking, educated people.

AP

Berlin filmfest examines scars of racial division

By Adam Tanner

HALLE Berry, female lead of "Monster's Ball."

BERLIN—The Berlin Film Festival focused on the deep scars of racial division and the potential for redemption on Friday with the American "Monster's Ball" and the world premiere by a newcomer Aboriginal Australian director.

Prison guard

Already considered a possible Academy Award candidate, "Monster's Ball" tells the story of racist Death Row prison guard Hank, well acted by Billy Bob Thornton, who falls in love with a black woman, Leticia, played by actress Halle Berry.

The two leads and the supporting characters all live in an emotionally bleak world mostly devoid of love. Hank tells his son he always hated him, feels the same about his father, and spews out racial epithets at several blacks.

But the deaths of Leticia's husband in the electric chair, Hank's son after a violent confrontation and Leticia's daughter set the stage for Hank and Leticia's unlikely relationship.

Deep loneliness and good sex bind them. One sex scene between the two leads is unusually graphic and lengthy for a mainstream commercial release.

In the end both remain emotionally hurt but hopeful.

Last words

"I think we're going to be all right," are Hank's last words.

The movie, which has its international premiere in Berlin on Friday, has generated positive reviews in the United States where it opened in late December. Some critics have included it in their lists of favorites for the past year.

The low-budget Australian "Beneath Clouds" lacks the power of "Monster's Ball" but deals with similar themes of barren lives worsened by a racial divide.

The film is the first feature-length movie by director Ivan Sen, who also wrote the script and co-composed the music.

"Beneath Clouds" tells the story of Lena, a light-skinned girl with an Irish father and dark-skinned mother who crosses paths with a young Aboriginal, Vaughn, on the run from juvenile prison.

Expletives

The teenaged characters, who mix expletives into every few sentences, share the alienation and bleak emotional landscape of "Monster's Ball" as well as its pervasive racial bitterness.

When a white farmer chases the pair off his farm after they steal some corn, Vaughn yells back: "This ain't your land, you stole (it)."

Director Sen said he hoped the film would help undo stereotypes.

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New telenovelas feature plain-looking protagonists

By Trina A. Lagura

THE LATEST craze in telenovelas will leave "Marimar" fanatics tongue-tied. Once upon a time, *Pinoys* went *gaga* over the killer looks of Thalia, but now, the plain-looking leads of two soaps aired every morning are mesmerizing viewers. To the fans, they are known as Alicia and Betty.

Stout body

In radiant contrast to the voluptuous Marimar, Alicia has a stout body, unappealing dots on her face and ridiculously big upper gums, while Betty is nerdy, wears big glasses, and has pouting lips, with braces on her teeth.

However, Alicia and Betty La Fea's appeal goes beyond physical appearance because, instead of scampering, viewers stay glued to their TV sets.

Aired simultaneously every 11:30 a.m. over ABS-CBN and GMA, these shows with so-called "monster" leads are the TV season's surprise hits.

Shocked

Avid soap fans were shocked when they first saw the shows' main characters. Janice Cave, for instance, got turned off the first time she watched Alicia. "*Yuck, ang pangit naman niyan!*" she squealed.

Annabel had the same reaction when she saw Betty: "*Nge, talagang pangit siya! Natawa na ako nung ngumiti pa lang siya, tapos patulis pa yung nguso niya.*"

Others, however, have noted how the productions try hard to make their characters ugly. "*Hindi naman pangit si Betty, pinilit lang, nilagyan ng braces at malaking salamin. Si Alicia naman,* carry *niya yung pagka-pangit niya,*" Bevs observes. "*Parang* trying hard *na pinapangit sila,*" another viewer notes.

Funny

Both soaps' plots are cute and funny, especially "Betty La Fea's." "Alicia" has a dramatic theme with a touch of comedy to make the story light.

"It doesn't matter if the lead stars are not good-looking. The story is good." Janice shares.

Another refreshing change is the fact that neither Alicia or Betty is the missing child of some rich couple. They're with their biological middle-class family, properly educated, with good credentials and highly qualified.

The predictability lies in the expected transition of Alicia and Betty into drop-dead beauties later in the season.

Twist

"'Betty La Fea' is like a fairy tale with a twist. I want to see the makeover part. Kinda predictable because it is expected that she'll turn beautiful and it will end happily ever after. The question now is how," Chie says.

Of course, a story is not complete without the leads' love interests. And yes, Alicia's Cesar and Betty's Armando are gorgeous hunks. But how the couples will end up in each other's arms is the big question, since it's unlikely that the men will fall head-over-heels in love with the plain-looking female leads.

Still, "mahilig ang Pinoy sa mga fairy tale," says Chie.

The two telenovelas give hope to those who feel inferior just because they are not as pretty as what society dictates. It's all about staying tough.

Judgmental

"*May mga tao talagang* physical *lang ang tinitingnan. Grabe sila kung manglait.* How many times do they use the word *pangit o di kaya halimaw* to refer to Betty? *Masyadong* judgmental! *Pero pinili pa rin siya* because she is smart. I think this happens in real life. *Mahilig talaga tayo sa mga* underdogs," Bevs shares.

Movie bill seeks to revive . . .

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Crucial

The Creation of the Film Development and Incentives Board is deemed crucial to the movie industry's effectivity and very survival, because it seeks to "support the development and growth of the local film industry as a medium for the upliftment of the people's aesthetic, cultural and social values, and for the better understanding and appreciation of the Filipino identity."

Thus, the urgent need to "upgrade the art and craft of filmmaking and encourage the production of (feature) films that seek to enhance the quality of life, examine the human condition and contribute to the dignity and nobility of the human spirit."

More specifically, the Board or Council will "establish and implement a Cinema Evaluation System for the evaluation of quality films based on artistic and technical merits." Thirty outstanding films will be chosen annually for "B" (65 percent) or "A" (100 percent) ratings leading to amusement tax rebates that will enable producers to make more money that they can use to further improve their film productions.

Growth

In addition, the Board will be tasked to "undertake activities that will promote the industry's growth and development, (as well as) its participation in both domestic and foreign markets, (and) to assist Filipino talents in the acquisition and enhancement of skills and expertise necessary for quality film production."

The hope is that, with this umbrella film body in place, onerous taxes on the industry and its products can be reduced, and better incentives to produce quality films can be created.

Social values

We trust that these improvements will result in the production of more quality films, movies that promote positive cultural identity and social values, especially for the youth, and in the creation of higher film standards that will enable Filipino film people to be more globally competitive.

Other objectives that the FDFPI is currently working towards, which the new Film Development and Incentives Board would similarly focus on:"Aside from raising the technical quality of our movies, to generate among our viewers a clear understanding and appreciation of our cultural and historical identity.

Also, "to liberate the Filipino film from the tyranny of the marketplace; to make the local film a medium congenial to the expression of positive values, and to encourage film productions that Filipinos can enjoy and benefit from."

Incentives

Thus, the film industry and government should work together to effect the passage of the bill, "to harness film in the service of nation-building; to assist the ailing film industry, and to provide incentives for cinematic exploration of Filipino culture."

We'd like to add one more tier to this much-needed involvement and cooperation: We, the members of the film audience, should also get involved in this campaign to get the bill passed, because the industry's products affect our lives, for good or bad, in a vital way.

For starters, we should be keenly interested in how the imminent legislative discussion of the bill progresses, and we should let our legislators know that we think this measure is important, and needs everyone's support.

MES de Guzman's "Batang Trapo."

15th CCP awards for alternative films announced

By Rica Arevalo

LAST Feb. 8, independent films were the highlight in the month-long celebration of the National Arts month via the Ika-15 Gawad CCP Para sa Alternatibong Pelikula at Video. For the past 15 years, the Cultural Center of the Philippines has consistently been honoring outstanding short films by Filipino alternative filmmakers.

Topping the list of winners is the best short film feature, "Batang Trapo" by Mes de Guzman. This film competed in the 24th Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival in France last Feb. 1-9. Only 70 films were chosen from 1,900 entries worldwide. De Guzman's short is also a Cinemanila awardee.

Two siblings

His film follows two siblings who sell rags and wipe windshields of motorists for a living. Despite the hazards of the trade, the two boys experience hilarious moments that also show their vulnerability as innocent children.

Glenn Cruz won second place for his new film, "O, Pag-ibig," a story about a girl's (Justeen Niebres) obsession towards her boyfriend, and likewise the two stalkers' obsession towards the girl. "*Nagulat ako*. I did not expect it because I know the structure of the narrative is not the usual linear style. *May malaking butas sa istorya*," admits Cruz.

School project

For the short feature video category, third year UP Fine Arts students, Jaime Diga and Conrad Mallonga won accolades for "GSM," their school project for their Electronic Media class under Joseph Fortin. Adds Diga, "*Nung nanalo kami, mas ginanahan pa kaming gumawa. Nakaka*-inspire."

The settings of the film are Tondo and Quiapo, notorious places for cell phone snatching. The filmmakers used their relatives and friends as their actors and they pooled their meager allowances to make this 10-minute video possible. First prize winners receive P18,000.

According to the CCP film division's Ed Cabagnot, "*Pinakamadugo* this year, considering the judges had to watch 12 hours of short features." Judges include UP's Dr. Pacita Gavino and film director Laurice Guillen.

For the documentary section, there were no first places in the video and film category. Second place for video docu was a tie between Jun Sabayton's "Aparatista" (projectionist) and the De La Salle University thesis, "Tag-ani" by Melissa Biscocho, Antonio Ongchap Jr. and Mahan Fe Ramos.

Judges

Documentary judges include new CCP VP and artistic director Fernando Josef, Milagros Alora and Fr. Michael Martin. "*Natutuwa ako dahil yung mga* entries mostly about ordinary people. *Ang mga totoong artista lang ang mamimili ng ganitong klaseng sining at gagawa ng paraan para mabigyan ng pansin*," shares Josef.

Sabayton shares his struggles as an indie filmmaker. "*Dati ko pang konsepto ang "Aparatista," kaso wala akong pera. Nag* workshop *ako sa* Mowelfund, P500 plus *lang ang* tuition fee, *pero hindi ko kaya. Kelan ko lang nabayaran yon*.

"It was guerilla shooting all the way for Sabayton while his friends lent him equipment and free use of the editing machine. He won P14,400.

For experimental video, the winner is "Greaseman" by Khavn dela Cruz. It was originally a full-length digital video but the filmmaker did a reedit. The 15-minute film became a mixture of visual and musical bombardment about the two contradictory lives of a *taong grasa* and a yuppie. It stars Lou Veloso and Eric Quizon.

Compilation

In the film animation category, the award went to "Movements," a compilation of short animated films done by Mowelfund's Interpretative Animation workshoppers during Summer 2000. Judges include Jacopo Giorgi, Alya Honasan and choreographer Denisa Reyes

The independent filmmaker is relentlessly finding ways of expressing himself through new storytelling methods that are far away from the status quo. He is free to tackle any issue and un-

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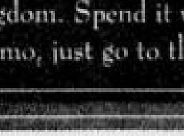

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Curtain finally comes down on world's longest-running musical

By Michael Kuchwara

NEW YORK—The last sliver of a silver moon was hung, the final handful of confetti was thrown and the fabled white curtain on which the words "The Fantasticks" were printed in big purple letters was slowly lowered.

Bravos

With performance number 17,162, the world's longest-running musical ended its record-breaking, nearly 42-year run last Jan. 13 to cheers, whistles and more than a few bravos.

"Sort of like the New Year's Eve ball coming down in Times Square," producer Lore Noto said with a laugh as he gently placed the curtain on the floor of the tiny Sullivan Street Playhouse. "We're setting the bar at 17,162. And God bless and good luck to anybody who wants to beat it."

After the show, both Tom Jones, who wrote the book and lyrics, and Harvey Schmidt, who composed the music, climbed onto the small stage to stand with Noto and reminisce about their creation, a simply told tale of young love, tempered and made stronger by adversity.

"This show has always been a part of my life," said Schmidt, who recently moved back to Texas from New York. "I can't imagine it not going on. If I was still here, I probably would feel very strange."

Memories

"It ('The Fantasticks') has been given a real life," added Jones. "It's alive in the memories of hundreds of thousands of people. But more than that, tomorrow night and the day after that it will be presented someplace else."

The off-Broadway production opened May 3, 1960, to mixed reviews and no advance sale, but with a pugnacious producer who coaxed celebrities into coming and built audiences through strong word of mouth.

After four decades, those crowds eventually diminished, but they returned last fall when Noto announced the musical was closing for good.

Lucky theatergoers who had tickets for the final performance worked their way through a throng of people standing in a cancellation line or asking for an extra ticket.

"I'm just a big fan," gushed Andy Charity, a legal proofreader who held a cardboard sign proclaiming, "Need 1 ticket." "I like the idea of it being in this exact space for more than 40 years.

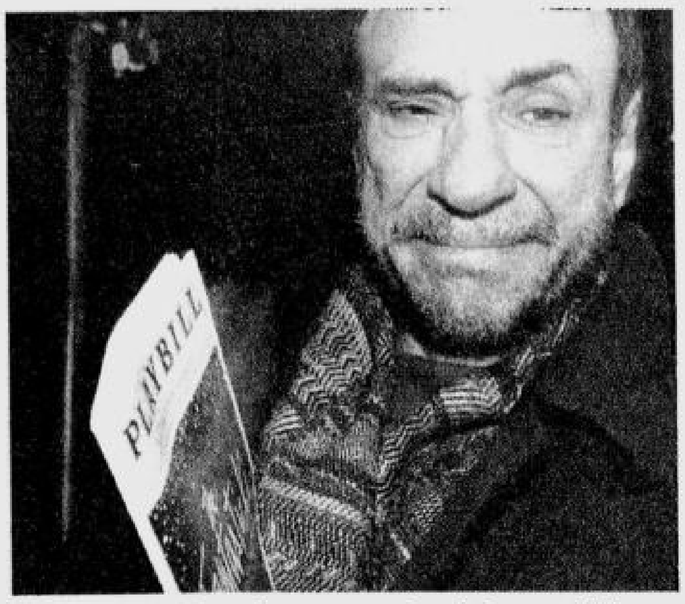
When you look at photos of the original production, you can see the same walls of the theater."

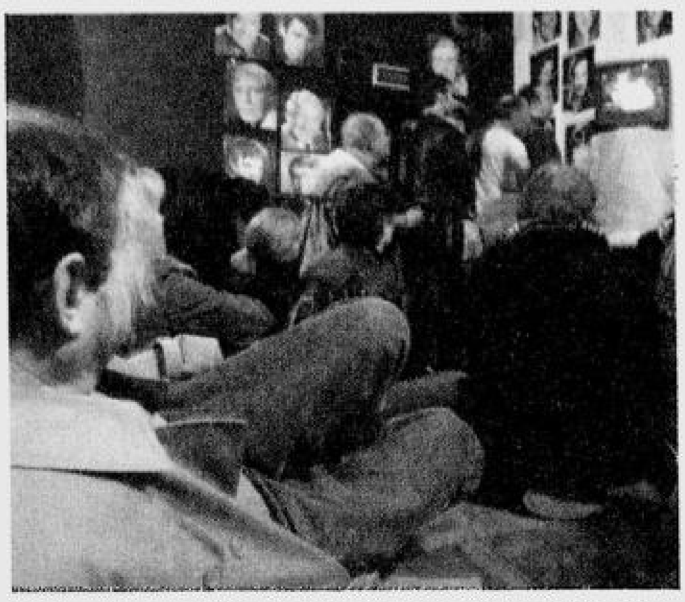
Live feed

Some persistent groupies gathered in the narrow passageway leading into the 150-seat theater and listened to the show. Others watched a live feed of the performance on a television monitor in an upstairs gallery where "Fantasticks" memorabilia was once displayed.

Among those fortunate enough to get into the theater were Rita Gardner, who was the young girl in the original production, and Oscar winner F. Murray Abraham, who played a variety of roles in the show during a 13-month period in the late 1960s.

And there were a few tears, particularly when "Try to Remember," the musical's most famous song, floated through the theater. "Of course, it's sad," said one theatergoer as he worked his way through the lobby at intermission. "I'd love to see it continue to run for another 42 years." *AP*


F. MURRAY Abraham, who was a member of the cast of "The Fantasticks" in 1968, reacts during the final performance.


THE overflow crowd for the final production of the off-Broadway musical "The Fantasticks" watch a live feed in an upstairs room.

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afraid to make his film.

But it is a continuous struggle of finding a producer, looking for money and getting free equipment use and facilities. He succeeds because he is determined. But more importantly because he is a slave of cinema.

Complete List of Winners

Animation Category
Video
No 1st and 2nd
3rd: "Mata" by Eunice Biasbas and Mona Lisa Lasque
Film
1st: "Movements" by Mowelfund workshoppers, Arnel Telesforo, Marcus Nada, Breiner Medina, Vic Balanon, Ferdz Valencia, Jason Moss
Experimental category
Video
Honorable mention: "Bulong Vol. 48" by Roberto A. Canaria Jr. and "The Most Boring Show on Earth" by Agustin del Mundo Sugatan Jr.
3rd: "Lualhati't Hinagpis" by Lyle Sacris
2nd: "You've Been a Bad Boy in Four Movements" by Edsel Abesames
1st "Greaseman" by Khavn dela Cruz
Short Feature Category
Video
Honorable Mention: "Bruce" by Topel Lee
3rd: "Hapag-Kainan" by Laya Isabelle Tinio Garcellano
2nd: "Binaliw" by Kristoffer Villarino
1st: "GSM" by Jaime Diga and Conrad Mallonga
Film
3rd: "Motorsiklo" by Cesar Hernando
2nd: "O, Pag-ibig" by Glenn Cruz
1st: "Batang Trapo" by Mes de Guzman
Documentary Category
Video
Honorable Mention: "Oust!" By Ronald Magbuhos Papag, "Bangsamoro: Isang Sulyap sa Kanilang Pakikibaka" by Milo Paz, "How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place" by Lawrence Cordero
3rd: "Daluyon" by Honeylet Suarez and Rovelyn Suetos
2nd: "Aparista" by Jun Sabayton and "Tag-ani" by Melissa Biscocho, Antonio Ongchap Jr. and Mahan Fe Ramos
Film
Honorable Mention: "Riles" by Rafael Luna and Richard de Guzman
Special Awards
Best Regional Entry: "Binaliw" by Kristoffer Villarino
Best Work for/by/on Children: "Batang Trapo" by Mes de Guzman
Best Full-length Digital Entry: "Karga Mano" by Ma. Teresa Jamias and Paul Morales

SATURDAYSpecial

ALL by his *a capella* lonesome, Cayabyab dishes out "One More."

Unique among local music maestros, Ryan is able to bridge the gap between classical and pop music

Three prismatic views of Ryan Cayabyab

By Nestor U. Torre

• LATE last year, we were privileged to witness the glittering awards rites in Athens Greece at which Ryan Cayabyab was awarded a top honor in the Onassis International Cultural Prizes. He was the only Asian to receive the prestigious award (he won in the composition for dance category).

New pop CD

• Only last week, we saw Ryan performing on TV, singing a number ("Da Coconut Nut") from his new pop *a capella* CD, "One More," with the new San Miguel Male Chorus backing him up.

• Ryan's musical involvement with San Miguel Corp. isn't limited to TV appearances, by any means. He is, in fact, the person in charge of both the new San Miguel Symphony Orchestra and Chorale. Other name conductors have been aspiring for the coveted position, but it seems to be a matter of pure artistic logic that it should go to Ryan.

Because, unique among local music maestros, the "prismatic" Ryan is able to bridge the gap between classical and pop music, as his three recent involvements clearly attest:

Top international honor

As a "serious" musician, he has won a top international honor *and* has been entrusted with the organization and leadership of San Miguel's major musical initiative for the new millennium. And yet, he can let his hair down on TV and sing a "nutty" tune to promote his new pop album.

Ryan's "One More" CD is itself an instructive juxtaposition and melding of his prismatic interests. Its style is pop, but the artist's rigorous musicality is evident in the album's *a capella* format—*plus* the fact that Ryan sings all of the parts all by his lonesome.

Illusion

The illusion of many men singing is made possible by overdubbing, a recording trick that Ryan first resorted to years ago for the recording of his first "truly solo" album, "One."

This time around, with "One More," recording artist Ryan reveals a more musically complex understanding of the "musical-mathematical" possibilities of *a capella*, and the effect on the listener is both absorbing and overwhelming.

This album is not of the "easy-listening" sort. As you listen, you are compellingly drawn into unfolding musical passageways and corridors, as though Ryan were a neo-Pied Piper of *a capella*. At the end of the musical experience, you return to reality, your perception aurally transformed.

Musical involvements

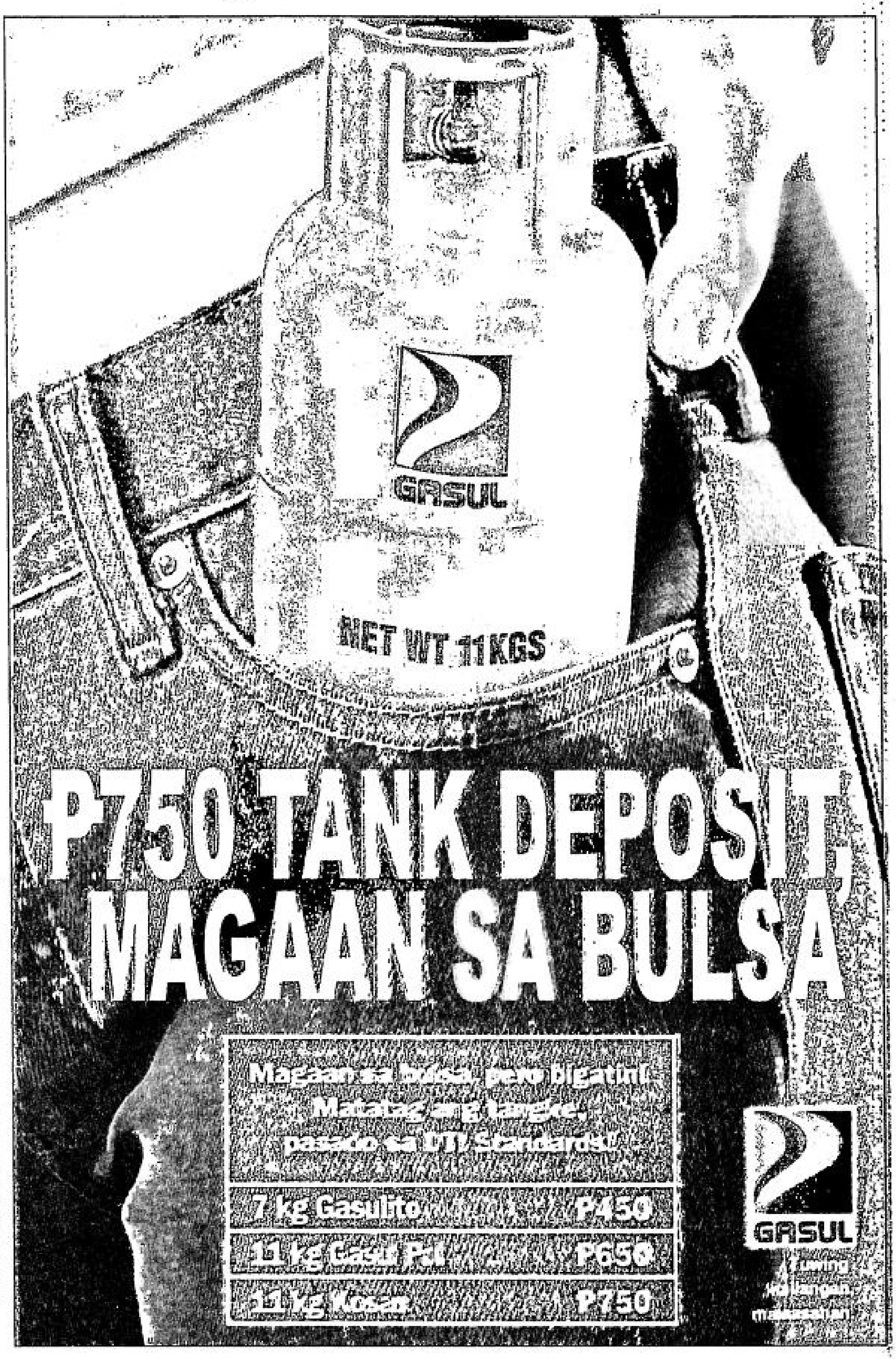
Only an artist steeped in both classical and pop musical traditions could have pulled off Ryan's current three-part or three-tiered musical involvements.

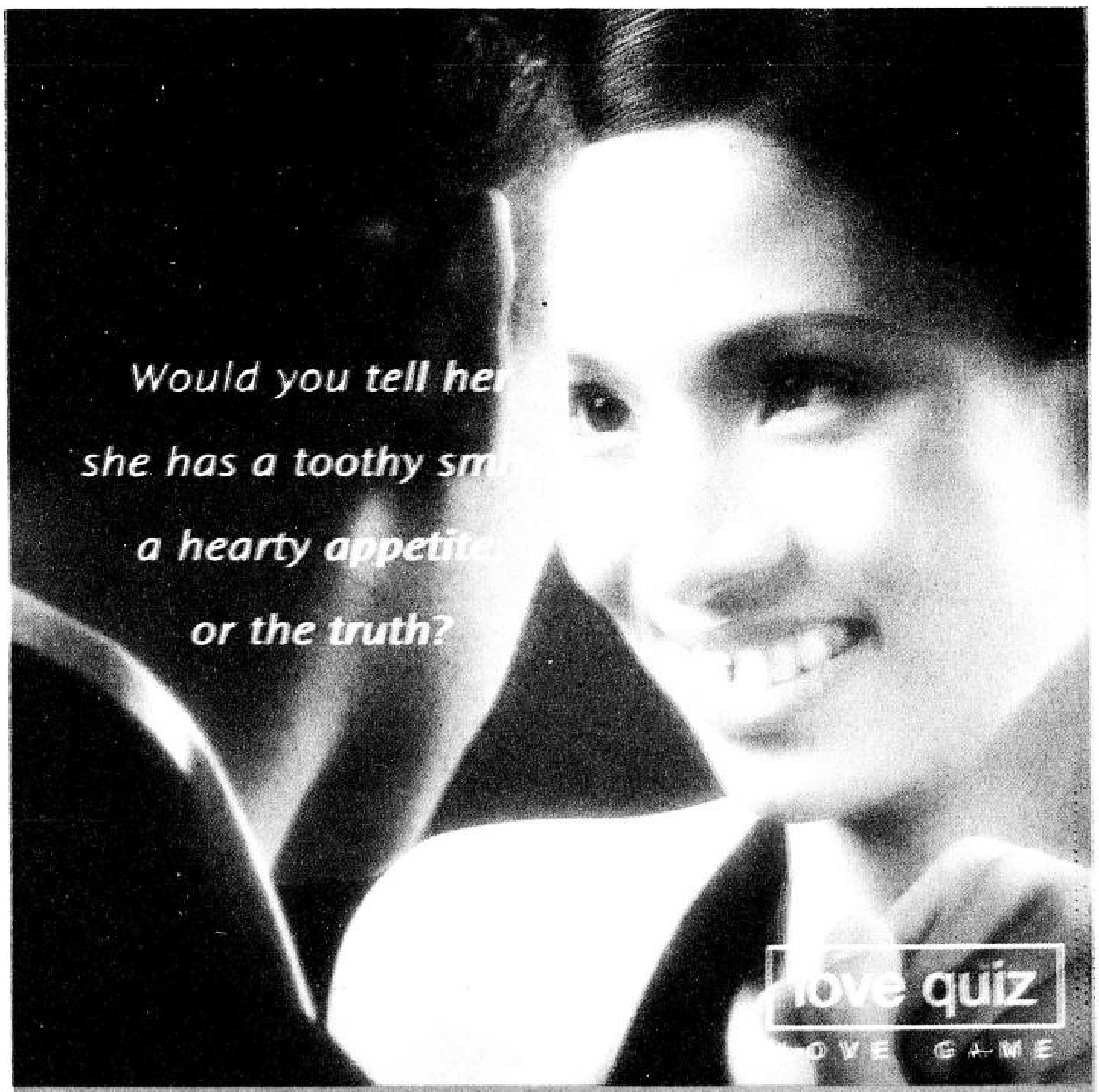
And that's just the narrow view. If you step back to get a perspective that's wider than his present absorptions, you have to include his similarly busy careers as teacher, composer of musicals and other productions, accompanist in concerts like Basil Valdez' recent Valentine show—etc.!

But, for simplicity's sake, our three views of Mr. C will suffice—for now. Needless to say, Ryan will be embarking on new projects and challenges this year, and for many musical seasons to come.

RYAN and Emmy Cayabyab enter the imposing venue for the Onassis awards ceremony.

CAYABYAB (left) accepts his Onassis prize in glittering rites in Athens, Greece.





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East meets West in Omar Sharif

By Caroline Drees

CAIRO—One film legend will not be among the crowds thronging cinemas to judge this week's Oscar nominees for themselves.

Egyptian actor Omar Sharif goes to the movies only rarely, and when he does, his first criterion is not whether or not something has won an award. The smoldering sex symbol, still charismatic at 70, likes films that bring him to tears.

Weeper

"I cry a lot at the cinema. I'm a weeper. For any reason, I don't care if it's good or bad, sad or happy, I always find a reason to cry," he told Reuters in an interview at his Cairo apartment late on Tuesday.

Among the few films he's seen in recent years, Sharif said only "Amadeus," "E.T.," and "Billy Elliott" stood out, mentioning nothing on the short list for this year's Academy Awards.

Sharif is known as icon of exotic male good looks and even a world expert on bridge, but he will always be remembered for the role that won him his Oscar nomination—the young Arab tribesman who appeared like a desert mirage in the 1962 blockbuster "Lawrence of Arabia," co-starring Peter O'Toole.

"If they had never done 'Lawrence of Arabia,' I would never have become an international actor," he said, adding that only his mother, who knew he would be famous as soon as he was born, and a quirk of fate led to his cinematic success.

Trademark gap

Revealing the trademark gap between his front teeth as he smiled, Sharif said he had been in the right place at the right time when British director David Lean sought a dashing young man to play the suave desert sheikh Ali in his forthcoming film.

The catch was he had to speak English.

Lucky for Sharif he did.

"If I hadn't been fat when I was 10, I wouldn't have been in 'Lawrence,'" said the actor, who turns 70 in April.

"I started off at a French school, and I was fat at 10. So my mum, who was a perfectionist, put me in an English school as a boarder because she said the food was so bad that I'd never be able to eat. It worked."

The only Arab to become a Hollywood superstar, Sharif's fame has far outlasted his days in the sun.

After more than 50 movies starting in 1954, he has slipped into relative obscurity in recent years, and divides his life between Cairo and Paris working "as little as possible."

"My mother decided when I was born that I would be somebody," Sharif said, surrounded by movie memorabilia and his grandson's toys. "And I came (to Hollywood) at a time when it was good to be exotic."

Global stardom

"Lawrence of Arabia" catapulted Sharif to global stardom, and led to starring roles in such hits as "Doctor Zhivago," "Mayerling" and "Funny Girl." The films gave Sharif, now divorced and a bachelor most of his life, the reputation of a Don Juan.

"When I dated girls, I spent the first hour of our evening trying to convince them that I wasn't the greatest lover in the world so they wouldn't be too disappointed if we ever (got closer)," he said, a twinkle in his piercing dark eyes.

"They all expected to have the most extraordinary night in the world with Omar Sharif . . . It's very rough, because no one can live up to imagination."

But Hollywood life wasn't only glamorous.

"Funny Girl," released in 1968, led to sharp controversy. At a time when tensions between Israel and Arab states were rife after the Six Day War, local media called him a traitor for his on-screen liaison with Jewish actress Barbra Streisand.

The movie was banned in Egypt.

Sharif kept his family out of Egypt for 13 years. He said he returned only after the late President Anwar Sadat, the first Arab head of state to make peace with Israel in 1979, personally asked him to come home.

Hybrid

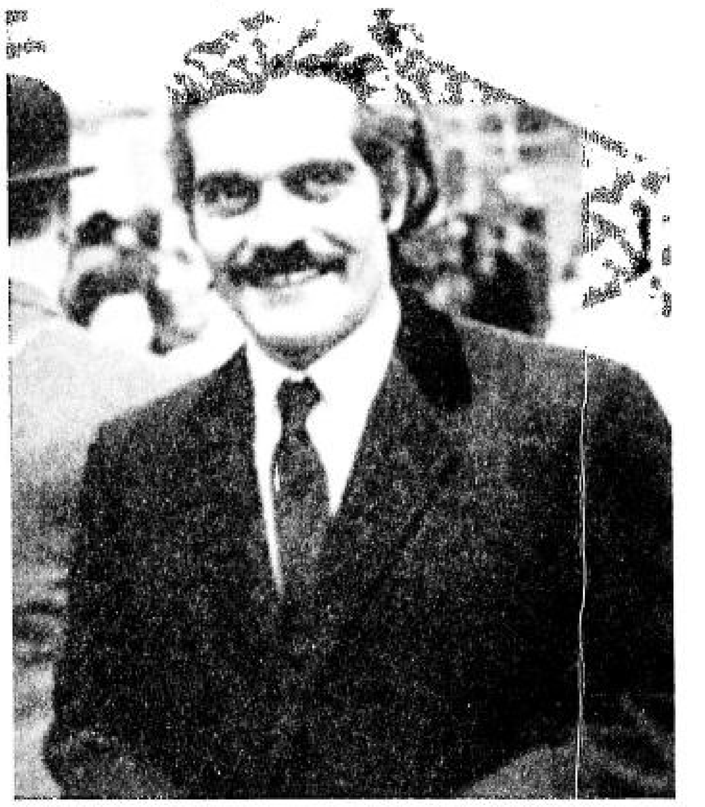
Sharif, who converted to Islam from Christianity to marry Egyptian film diva Faten Hamama in 1955, says he embraces people of all faiths and origins. He says he has become a hybrid between East and the West.

"I have kept my deep self, my emotional self, oriental," he said. "I need the warmth of eastern people. I need to hug and kiss people as opposed to shaking hands. That's what I love about this part of the world.

"And then I get tired of it after a while, and I want the sort of anonymous feeling I have when I'm in the Western world. I don't really mind that people don't care about me."

Forty years after "Lawrence of Arabia" made him a household name, Sharif is not sure if it was a blessing or a curse. He said life on the road destroyed a happy marriage and made him into a rootless Hollywood vagabond.

"If I had to do it over again, perhaps it would have been better not to do 'Lawrence of Arabia,'" he said. *Reuters*



SHARIF. Icon of exotic male good looks.

For yummy cakes and pastries

WORD OF MOUTH

Sandy Daza

WHEN I was still operating Au Bon Café 2 decades back, I remember Ginny De Guzman of today's Sugarhouse supplying us with her yummy pastries. A decade before that, I also remember some UP Varsity basketball players bragging about the delicious cakes they would sample, compliments of Ronnie Suarez' girlfriend, Evelyn Go. Today, both Ginny and Evelyn operate their own chains of successful bakeshops.

It might not have been clear to them at that time that those pastries they were baking as a hobby would someday blossom into some of the most successful pastry shops our country has today.

Baking talents

Someone reminded me recently of these two baking talents. Patty would bake for relatives and friends; she never really gave serious thought to the business aspect of it until last Christmas.

You'll know you have a winner when your whole pre-Christmas holiday is ruined because of the orders you're trying to fill. Patty had a horrible pre-Christmas. Her pastry recipients, on the other hand, enjoyed her baked goodies.

I had a chance to sample some of Patty's cakes. There were two that I picked as exceptional. The ideas were new and the masterpieces well executed.

I thought her sans rival was delicious. This is a frozen and crunchy layered cream cake with a slight caramel twist to it. The description alone creates a craving.

Four layers

The other one I loved was the Lemon torte, a cake with four layers of walnut meringue with a lemon filling. It will go straight to your waistline but those that do that are the "killer good ones." I look forward to her Concorde cake and oreo and mango cheesecakes.

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I've also tried an unbelievably delicious cheesecake that is not only heavenly, it is also sugar-free. Well, almost. Only the Graham cracker crust has sugar. I couldn't believe it, I kept on tasting and tasting until it was all gone.

This dream is Chocolate Cheesecake spiked with Bailey's Irish cream, made by Lisa Asuncion's Guilt Free desserts. Lisa is the heroine of people who avoid sugar. Call 631-7434 or 0917-5282707.

A few weeks after New Year, those resolutions have been broken—so, pick up that phone.

Happy eating!

Powerbooks' February highlights

POWERBOOKS is pleased to present young Japanese writer, Banana Yoshimoto, as its author of the month for February.

Yoshimoto has pleased millions of readers from all over the world. Her stark and stoic handling of emotional complexities sets her apart from other writers of her generation. She has a special way of viewing the world, and it is this unique attitude that makes her different.

Honest

Her endings are enchanting, at the same time honest, as they often mirror real life. Tragedy is never absent, and her characters are clear manifestations of this fact. Reality in fiction, this is Yoshimoto's legacy.

Banana Yoshimoto is the author of "Kitchen" "N.P.," "Lizard," "Armita" and "Asleep."

Meanwhile, Powerbooks supports the celebration of V-Day (A worldwide movement to end violence against women), as it declares "The Vagina Monologues" as its February Book of the Month.

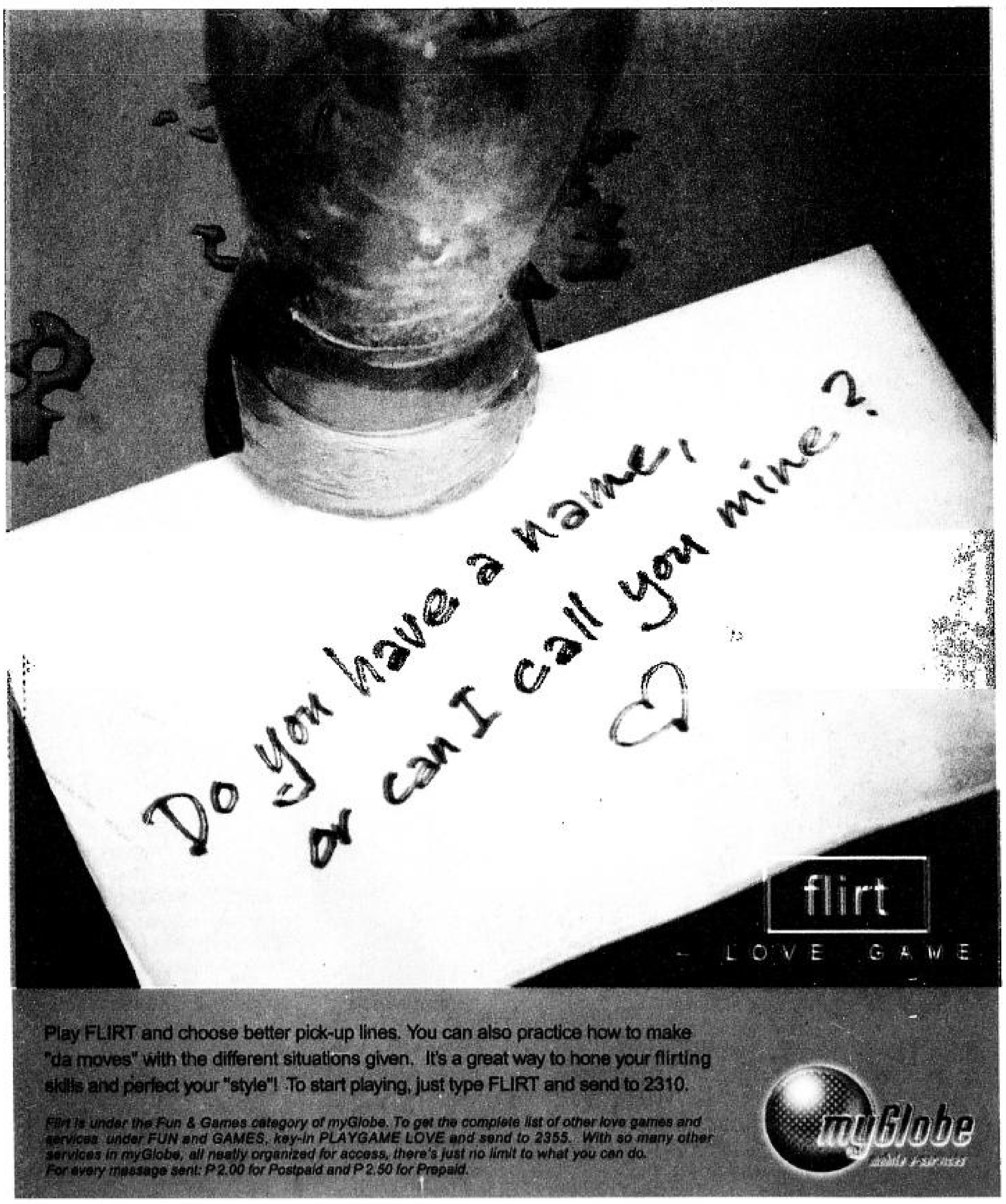
"The Vagina Monologues" is a celebration of female sexuality in all its wonder, intricacy and mystery. In this novel, Eve Ensler tells us real women's stories of intimacy, vulnerability, and sexual self-discovery. Celebrated as the "bible for a new generation of women," "The Vagina Monologues" has been performed in countries all over the world.

Interviews

Based on interviews with over 200 women about their memories and experiences of sexuality, "The Vagina Monologues" gives us a voice of women's deepest fantasies and fear. It talks about the different issues that women—both young and old—face everyday. There are monologues that talk about negative experiences, such as rape, incest, female genital mutilation and menstruation. However, it also tells of many wonderful experiences such as childbirth, empowerment, self-confidence and freedom.

Also included in the special edition of this book are testimonials—both joyous and heartbreaking—from young women who have performed "The Vagina Monologues" at their colleges for V-Day, to raise money for organizations fighting to protect women.

To cap off the month, "The Vagina Monologues" playwright, Ms Eve Ensler, will be at Powerbooks Arnaiz for a special book signing session on Feb. 23 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Call 844-4455.



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Kylie Minogue makes temperatures rise

By Ricky T. Gallardo

SEXY singing sensation Kylie Minogue's latest album is not called "Fever" for nothing. Take the trance-influenced song "Can't Get You Out of My Head," which is currently ruling the pop charts.

The song also won for Kylie the prestigious Top Single Award in the recently concluded Top of The Pop Awards.

Another good track is "Come Into My World," which we learned was recorded the night she got to hear the song submitted by composers Rob Davis and Cathy Dennis.

Kylie is definitely enjoying a winning streak, with recent sold-out concerts in the UK and Australia.

Seven priests and a CD

Imagine a full band with seven priests all dressed in white. It's called Inggo 1587, short for Santo Domingo de Guzman, who founded the Order of Preachers to which these seven priests belong (1587 is the year when the first group of Dominican missionaries first set foot on Philippine soil).

Fr. Joemar Sibug (rhythm guitarist), Fr. Deng de la Cruz (drummer), Fr. Jepoy Arsciwals (keyboardist) and lead guitarist Fr. Auckhs Enjaynes talk about their CD, which aims to communicate God's healing Word to a world wounded by division:

"We do not only sing Gospel, we do pop and love songs," says Fr. Auckhs, "because we want to attain immediate connection with our audiences composed mostly of the youth sector."

The songs in the album are all original, with most of the melodies composed by Fr. Jepoy.

"The whole idea of the group of Inggo 1587 is to help build the church," admits Fr. Joemar, stressing that proceeds of their CD will support the education of their seminarians.

Kris Aquino, game show queen

When news first broke out that Kris Aquino had been entrusted the exacting task of calling the shots for ABS-CBN's "Game Ka Na Ba?", not a few tongues unleashed their doubts. But the hard-working Kris has not only mastered the art of giving her show the spice and spark it needs, but she has also endeared herself to *masa* televiewers.

Kris's success is largely due to her mature spontaneity, perky persona and sincere openness in dealing with contestants from all walks of life. Keep it up, Kris.

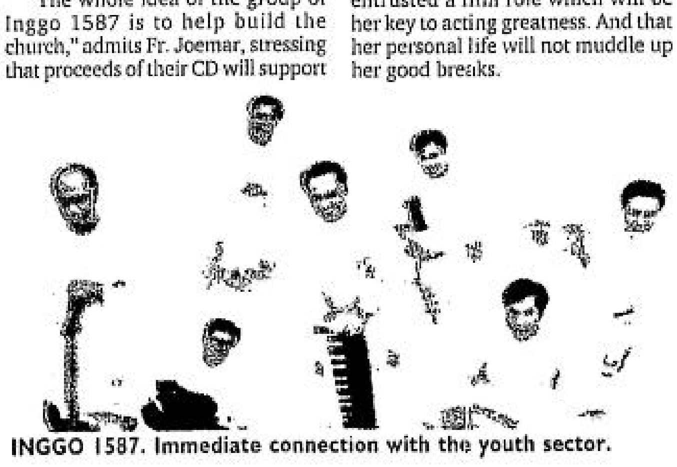
Matet makes her presence felt

Nora Aunor's prodigal daughter may have scored very low points for being a rebel daughter, breaking away from her superstar mom at an early age and being candid in her remarks about her mom. But, in the acting department, Matet de Leon is getting very good grades.

Her last movie with Judy Ann Santos and Luis Alandy may not have done well at the box office but Matet got good reviews for her consistency and depth.

She's been getting greater exposure now as Lucila in the evening soap "Hanggang sa Dulo ng Walang Hanggan." She started as a true-blue young bitch but her character has slowly transformed into a *vida-contravida*, giving her more room to show her promising acting skills.

We hope that soon, Matet can be entrusted a film role which will be her key to acting greatness. And that her personal life will not muddle up her good breaks.



INGGO 1587. Immediate connection with the youth sector.

When romantic Richard falls for drab Regine

By Nestor U. Torre

THE ONLY local Valentine movie showing this week is the Regine Velasquez-Richard Gomez starrer, "Ikaw Lamang Hanggang Ngayon." In Yam Laranas' film, Regine is a "premature old maid" who is ridiculed by her co-employees at the Manila Post Office because of her neurotically shy disposition and plain looks.

Unrequited longing

She looks like she's doomed to a life of unrequited longing—until she meets Richard's character, a golf instructor who breaks many women's hearts because he falls in love too easily *and* is afraid of long-range commitment, a deadly combination (for his legions of victims).

So, why does romantic Richard fall for drab Regine? Because he's tired of playing the field and Regine is "different" from all of his previous conquests. Well, *that* she definitely is! And Richard isn't getting any younger, so he's ripe for a serious relationship, this time around.

Bruised

Besides, he's also been bruised: Two of his girlfriends drop him at the same time, and the blow to his ego is too painful to ignore or explain.

So, when he meets Regine, he's ready for simplicity and honesty, which she can supply—in heaps. Her simple affection stabilizes his life, while his attraction to her prompts Regine to realize that she's not so hopeless, after all. After all, if a handsome hunk like him can bother to give her the time of day—hey, OK!

Yes, Cinderella and her Prince are still alive and well after so many centuries, and living at Viva Films. To make sure that we don't miss the homage to the drab kitchen sweep, Regine is given three ugly "stepsisters," co-employees who keep saying snide, hurtful things about her—until they see Richard being so solicitous towards her, whereupon they instantly treat her nicely, and ask her if Richard has a brother.

GOMEZ AND VELASQUEZ. She stabilizes his life; he prompts her to realize that she isn't so hopeless, after all.

Charming

So far, so serviceable, and occasionally even charming. We do note, however, that the movie takes a long time getting its plot and character development going.

Also, it soon becomes embarrassingly apparent that Regine is trying much too hard to make her character come off as awkward, psychologically contorted, and socially inept. The result is, she sometimes looks and acts retarded, instead of just agonizingly lonely.

Did director Laranas insist on this characterization, or was it Regine's idea? We remember that, in Laranas' previous movie, "Radyo," quite a number of the characters also looked contorted and gargoyle-ish…

Parameters

Well, whoever set the parameters for Regine's performance here, it's an embarrassing display of misguided notions of weird characterization. It also makes Richard's own performance look exceptionally good, by comparison.

On with the show: The movie's visuals are attractive and dynamic, but its script is weak, improbable and occasionally confounding. The most off-putting plot twist comes when Regine suddenly vanishes from Richard's life because she can't bear to love him so much and risk future disappointment, etc.

Deep depression

This plunges Richard into deep depression and yet, when Regine finally shows again much later, both Richard and the film itself automatically forgive her and take her into their arms, just in time for the movie's dated camera-whirling-around-the-lovers finale and final fade. How could she be so cruel and yet be let off the hook just like that?

On the plus side, the film offers fine technical polish, striking visuals and some innovative touches. On the whole, however, these positive points can't fully compensate for the production's distracting flaws.

Severino sees history unfold

By Darwin Obeso

(Conclusion)

WHEN Howie Severino came back to the Philippines, he immediately felt a "natural affinity to indigenous peoples." But he went a step further by knowing their culture, which fascinated him more. He concluded that it was "great material for journalism."

Interestingly, when Severino landed a job at "The Probe Team" in 1997, it was also largely because of his deep interest in minority people. Back then, he was still a full-time print journalist writing environmental columns for a national daily and reporting for the Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism (PCIJ), which he co-founded with Sheila Coronel and Bobby Tiglao.

Opportunity

But since he was already making documentary videos, Severino got the opportunity to shoot the traditional burial of an Igorot elder in Sagada in the Mountain Province. "It was a very interesting cultural custom. *Natuwa ako sa* material."

Realizing the value of his rare footage, he got the itch to have it shown on television. And he was willing to give it for free. He showed it to several television producers until "Probe" got interested. Nessa Vadellon, who was then the program's executive producer, instantly liked his material.

Elated by the response, Severino's initial reaction was to go home and celebrate his little triumph. But Vadellon unexpectedly asked Severino to write and voice the report. After it was aired, the next thing he knew, the Probe Productions executives gave him an offer to join the team.

But Severino hesitated. He said that he would try it on a probation basis because he was not yet that interested in television.

He also found television "not very interesting to watch. Even the news was not interesting. I got all my information from newspapers and magazines." He would later discover that "it was a mistake. I realized that television does have a lot to offer."

Interview

He said that unlike print, television is not always dependent on the writer's interpretation. "You can read an interview of a person in a newspaper but if you watch it on television, you can extract a lot more information that's not being said. A lot is communicated through body language, through facial expressions, by the tone of the interviewee's voice."

But the long-time print journalist confessed that he still prefers print to television. "The problem with TV is it's ephemeral. *Pag napanood mo*, it's gone. Unlike the newspaper, you can cut it out, xerox it, scan it, and e-mail it."

Despite his initial indifference to television, however, he would later write and produce dozens of documentaries for "Probe." He would eventually be referred to by the staff as the "voice of the underdogs" because of his reports focusing on ordinary and powerless individuals.

After more than four years of reporting for "Probe," Severino now moves on to the longer-format "I-Witness" on GMA-7, where he reprises his roles as reporter, producer and cameraman.

While he may now have greater flexibility, having had to report only once a month, Severino says he will have to work hard on his documentaries for "I-Witness," because of its much longer format. And he will continue to shoot footage with his hand-held camera.

"There's a certain immediacy in the material if the reporter himself is the one shooting," he observes.

Aside from the Manobo story in Bukidnon, Severino also covered on his own the alleged uprising of the Misuari forces in Sulu. "Sometimes I prefer going alone because it's so much easier to move around. You don't rent a vehicle, you just hop on somebody's motorcycle."

Communicating

"Journalism is the most interesting job in the world," Severino enthuses. "For somebody who loves adventure, who loves writing, who loves communicating, who loves his country and wants to change it for the better, to me, there's no better profession."

But along with the privilege also comes the responsibility journalists have. "Media should be taking a leadership role in changing our society for the better. It shouldn't just cater to the lowest common denominator. It shouldn't just be a medium or venue for people who are already powerful or popular to promote their own interests."

Mayor Sonia Lorenzo is building homes and hopes for farmers

STREET SMART

Mandy Navasero

SOMETHING'S cooking in the countryside of San Isidro, Nueva Ecija and the one stirring up things is go-getting Mayor Sonia Lorenzo. This spunky lady with the no-nonsense attitude of a business CEO has put her management courses to work where no one expected.

Another problem

After setting up a waterworks system and building a number of farm to market roads, she hammered away at another problem: Housing. This time it is the farmers who are her primary beneficiaries. Farmers in her locality can now avail of an affordable housing loan facility following the signing of a memorandum of agreement between the Land Bank of the Philippines, the Home Development Mutual Fund and the local government under Mayor Lorenzo.

Land Bank president and CEO Gary Teves, HDMF president and CEO Manuel Crisostomo, Nueva Ecija Gov. Tomas Joson III, San Isidro Mayor Lorenzo, DILG regional director Rodolfo Ferarin, HUDCC secretary general Armando de Castro and Land Bank EVP Gilda Pico signed the agreement which put in place the Pabahay Para Sa Magsasaka program.

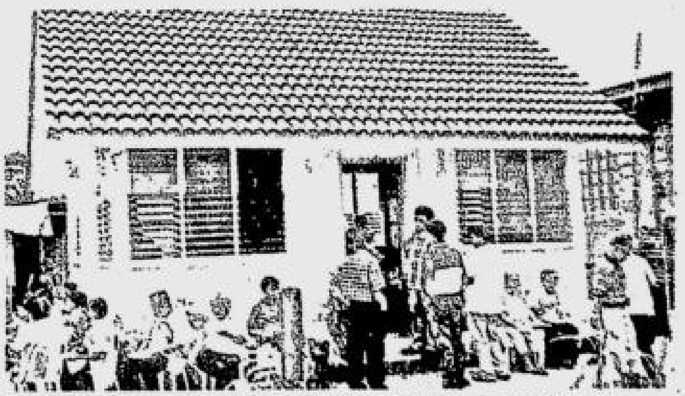
It aims to address the housing needs of farmers who can't avail of the government's mass housing program because they are non-regular income earners and non-members of pension funds.

Interim basis

Farmer-borrowers can avail of as much as P180,000 from Land Bank on an interim basis for two years.

This will serve as the "seasoning" period for the farmer to qualify as a borrowing member of HDMF funds. When the two-year period has elapsed, the account shall be taken out by the HDMF.

For its part, the San Isidro LGU will guarantee the repayment of the housing loan. Program beneficiaries, who should not be more than 45 years old, must own a minimum of two hectares of irrigated riceland from which at least 500 square meters shall be segregated, titled and coverted into residential classification. The housing unit shall then be constructed and mortgaged to Land Bank.



A SAMPLE house, costing P180,000, available to qualified San Isidro farmers.

The Tabon-Mangga Agrarian Reform Cooperative and the Pulo Producers Cooperative are participants in the Integrated Cooperative Farming System (ICFS) where farmer-members are expected to have a higher disposable income, thus making the housing loan amortization affordable.

Higher productivity

Adopting the principle of the corporate farming system, the ICFS is expected to result in higher productivity, farming efficiency and economies of scale of operations. Under this scheme, rice farms of participating farmer-members are consolidated to form an "ICFS nucleus." The coop will be in charge of planning and controlling operations, determining farm inputs as well as the technology and marketing activities to be adopted.

Other participating agencies under the ICFS program include the National Irrigation Administration which will provide the irrigation requirement, the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation for the insurance cover and training of farmers and Department of Agrarian Reform for institutional development support. The San Isidro LGU will provide technical assistance through its municipal agricultural and agrarian reform offices.

Jerome Abalos revives 'Bulag, Pipi at Bingi'

By Remy M. Umerez

THE SINGING career of Jerome Abalos took off when "Larawang Kupas" became a big hit last October. The self-titled album gave him a gold record award, plus a nomination in the 2000 Awit Awards as Best Male Recording Artist.

Singing contest

Jerome has always loved music. When he was 12, he joined a singing contest in Mandaluyong because he wanted to buy a toy. He sang "If You're Not Here By My Side" and won P50.

He adores Black Sabbath, Ozzy Osborn and Michael Bolton, whose music inspired him in pursuing a career in singing.

It was in 1991 when Jerome became a member of the rock band, Death by Stereo. The music was pure heavy metal and their gigs were limited to underground venues. The band waxed an album under Octoarts EMI before it disbanded.

After graduating from Trinity College, where he took up BS Psychology, Jerome worked for the defunct Quantum Records. He formed another group and ventured into pop rock.

When multiplex and cover versions became the trend, Jerome's services were in demand as he ghostsang for April Boy Regino and Renz Verano. Impressed, Vicor decided to launch Jerome as a solo performer.

Female singers

Jerome dared to revive Rey Valera's "Pangako." All other versions of the Valera classic had been performed by female singers.

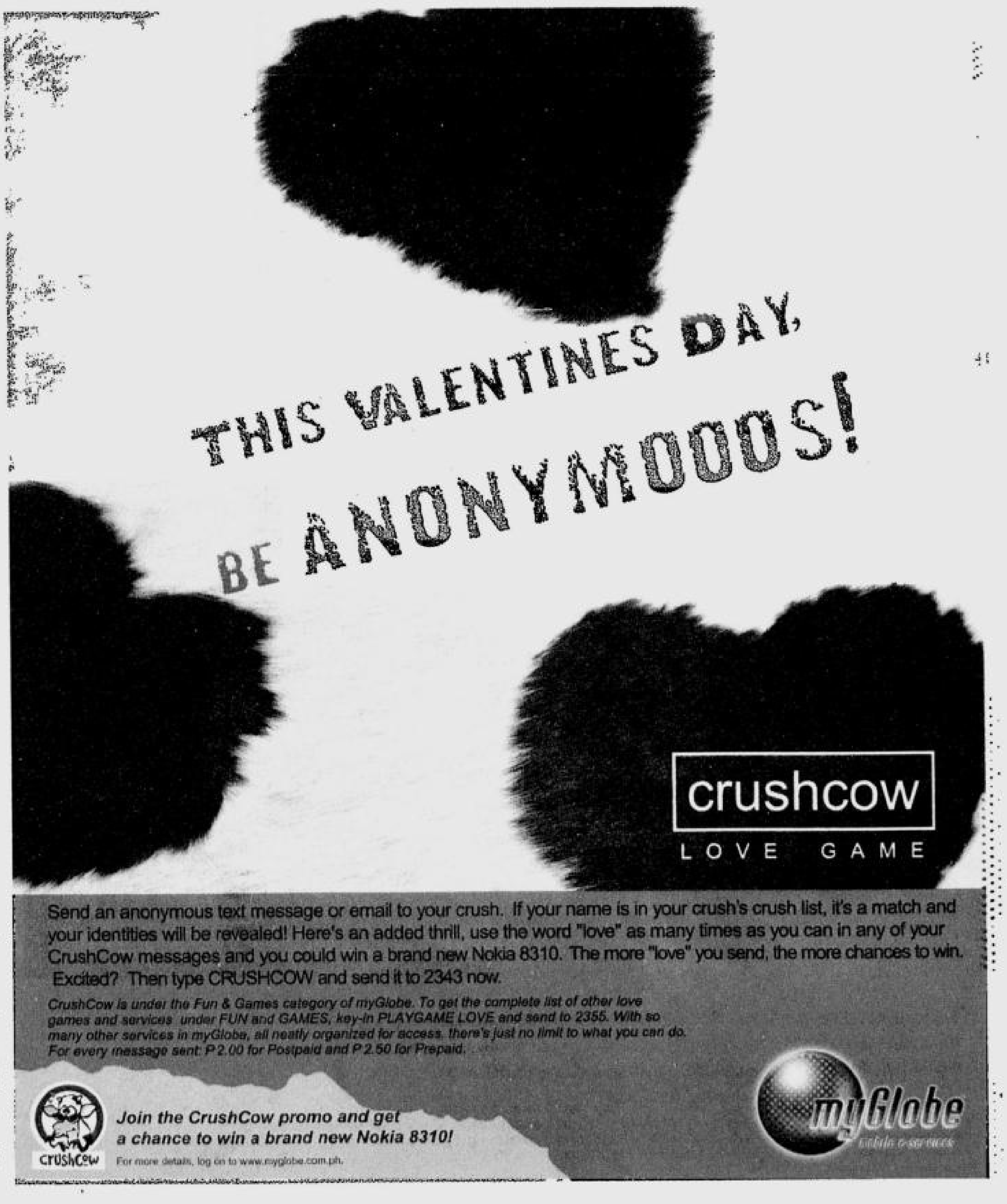
ABALOS. Has always loved music.

In his new album, "Jerome Abalos Two," the singer from Pangasinan revives "Bulag, Pipi at Bingi," a winning song in the Metropop by composer and album producer Snaffu Rigor. Popularized by Freddie Aguilar in the early '80s, the song talks about the life of the physically disabled.

Jerome considers the song one of his favorites. He cites two reasons: he is a great admirer of Freddie Aguilar (whom he has yet to meet in person) and he values the message that the song conveys.

There are other revivals featured in the album, such as "Kamusta Mga Kaibigan" originally done by Maria Cafra, "I Never Cry" by Alice Cooper and Rolling Stones' "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction."

The album is bannered by the carrier single "Inaamin Ko Na" also by Snaffu Rigor.



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'Millionaire' makes a good comeback

By Nestor U. Torre

LAST Sunday, we caught the start of the new season of "Who Wants to Be A Millionaire" on IBC-13 to see if the quiz show had come up with something new to offer.

We were gratified to see that quizmaster Christopher de Leon had dropped most of his *pa*-drama and *pa*-suspense gambits, which tended to confuse and rattle some contestants last year.

More focused

This time around, De Leon was more focused, more objective and less "confusingly kind" than he used to be. As a result, the contestants could concentrate on simply answering the questions, instead of looking out for tell-tale reactions or visual hints from the host on whether their responses were right or wrong.

Incidentally, many of those perceived "hints" did not pan out, but resulted in a feeling of insecurity that made some contestants resort to their "lifelines" even when they had already come up with the right answer.

Consequently, later in the quiz, when the questions got tougher and they really needed those lifelines, they no longer had any to resort to.

Celebrity couples

Happily, that seldom happened in last Sunday's show, so things proceeded in a more professional, nononsense fashion. That was all to the good, since the contestants were celebrity couples who would not have stood for being manipulated by either the program or its host.

Giselle Sanchez and her husband Emil Buencamino were both lively and intelligent, and viewers were happy when they won P100,000 for their favorite charities.

When Janet Basco and Johnny Revilla were competing, it was clear that Janet deferred to her husband, who came up with thoughtful responses. But the couple missed a relatively easy question (Who was the first Pope?—St. Peter), and had to ask the audience for help.

SERNA. Finally got her wish to compete on the show.

To make things worse, some 68 percent of the audience gave other responses to the question, so the celebrity couple didn't really get the help they needed! Should the members of the audience be screened to make sure that they are knowledgeable about relatively easy bits of trivia like this?

When Snooky Serna and Ricardo Cepeda were in the show's hot seats, Snooky revealed that, on her own, she had previously called to try to get on the show, but failed. This was a surprise to us, since Snooky is popular, and her competing on the show would have boosted interest in it.

But Snooky surmised that the show had another selection mechanism that vetted her ending up as a contestant. Still, we wondered why an exception wasn't made in her case, since the show would have benefitted from it...

Vacation

Anyway, the "Millionaire" show made a good comeback to TV screens last Sunday, so hopes are high that the program will be able to quickly gain back the viewership it lost during its two-month "vacation."

This could take some doing since, during its absence, the other quiz shows on TV haven't exactly been resting on their laurels.

"Game Ka Na Ba?" has striven hard to come up with its first P1M winner, thus matching "Who Wants' " own output of actual millionaires. And it's also fielding celebrity contestants—so, the competition should continue to be keen in the coming months!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKSHELF

Playwright Joe Orton's scripts are still fresh and biting

By Noelani Torre

(Conclusion)

"ENTERTAINING Mr. Sloane," Joe Orton's first play to attract considerable critical as well as popular attention had, according to the Times, "made more blood boil than any other British play in the last 10 years." It fairly screams on the page, so what more if it were staged? We literally read it with our jaw hanging halfway down our chest.

Satisfaction

"'Sloane' was the first play to dramatize the psychopathic style of the '60s—that ruthless, restless, single-minded pursuit of satisfaction—transformed by drugs and rock music into myth," explains Lahr in his introduction.

Mr. Sloane is an amoral young man who has no qualms about committing murder and about trading sexual favors for luxuries. The first act opens with him looking for a room to let at Kath's flat where she lives with her father Kemp. Kath immediately goes after Sloane, as does her brother Ed. They chase him all throughout the play and end up bickering over who gets to keep him until Sloane ups and kills their father.

They use this to persuade Sloane to share himself with the two of them ("You've had him six months; I'll have him the next six," Ed tells Kath. "I'm not robbing you of him permanently.").

Amazingly enough, the play ends with Kath saying, "Well, it's been a pleasant morning. See you later." And this, after her father has been killed!

Greedy

Ed, Kath and Sloane are greedy and single-minded in their pursuits. They feel neither shame nor guilt, they speak of vulgar things with the most elegant turns of phrase, and they are just so overwhelmingly dead-pan that after the first choked gasp, one cannot do anything else but laugh. Disturbing it may be but it has a kernel of truth in its core, and Orton's wit fairly dazzles.

Orton's major stage play, "Loot," was first performed at the Arts Theatre Cambridge on Feb. 1, 1965. It was "a notorious flop" and was described in the Cambridge News as "A comedy that brought so few laughs." Exception was taken to "Mr Orton's repetitive and nasty sense of humor."

The failure was a result of poor staging and not of poor writing. This was proven when the play was remounted by the London Traverse Company at the Jeanetta Cochrane Theatre in September 1966. The play was an overwhelming critical success.

Deemed as "one of the most enduring comedies of the modern British stage," "Loot" tells the tale of two enterprising thieves, Hal and Dennis. Hal's mother has just died and it is her coffin that dominates center-stage. The two have just robbed the bank next-door to the funeral parlor where Dennis works as a hearse-driver and they stash their loot in Hal's home.

Coffin

The police are hot on their trail and in a panic they hide the money in her coffin. Her corpse, though, is another problem. Enter Inspector Truscott, a policeman masquerading as a member of the water board, and the already twisty plot turns into one huge entanglement.

Direct and merciless in its dissection of society, this "black farce masterpiece" toys with people's superstitions about life and death. Dead bodies are left all over the place in this play, along with fake eyeballs and false teeth. At turns shockingly offensive and almost unbearably witty, "Loot" will take a large bite of one's mind and could make one literally expire from laughter.

Joe Orton's last play, "What the Butler Saw" was performed posthumously in 1969. The Sunday Telegraph predicted that it would "live to be accepted as a comedy classic of English literature"—a prediction that has already come true.

In "What the Butler Saw" we see the lecherous Dr Prentice, a psychoanalyst, attempting to seduce a prospective secretary while interviewing her. "The plot of 'What the Butler Saw' contains enough twists and turns, mishaps and changes of fortune, coincidences and lunatic logic to furnish three or four conventional comedies," say Mathuen editors. "But however the six characters in search of a plot lose the thread of the action—their wits or their clothes—their verbal self-possession never deserts them."

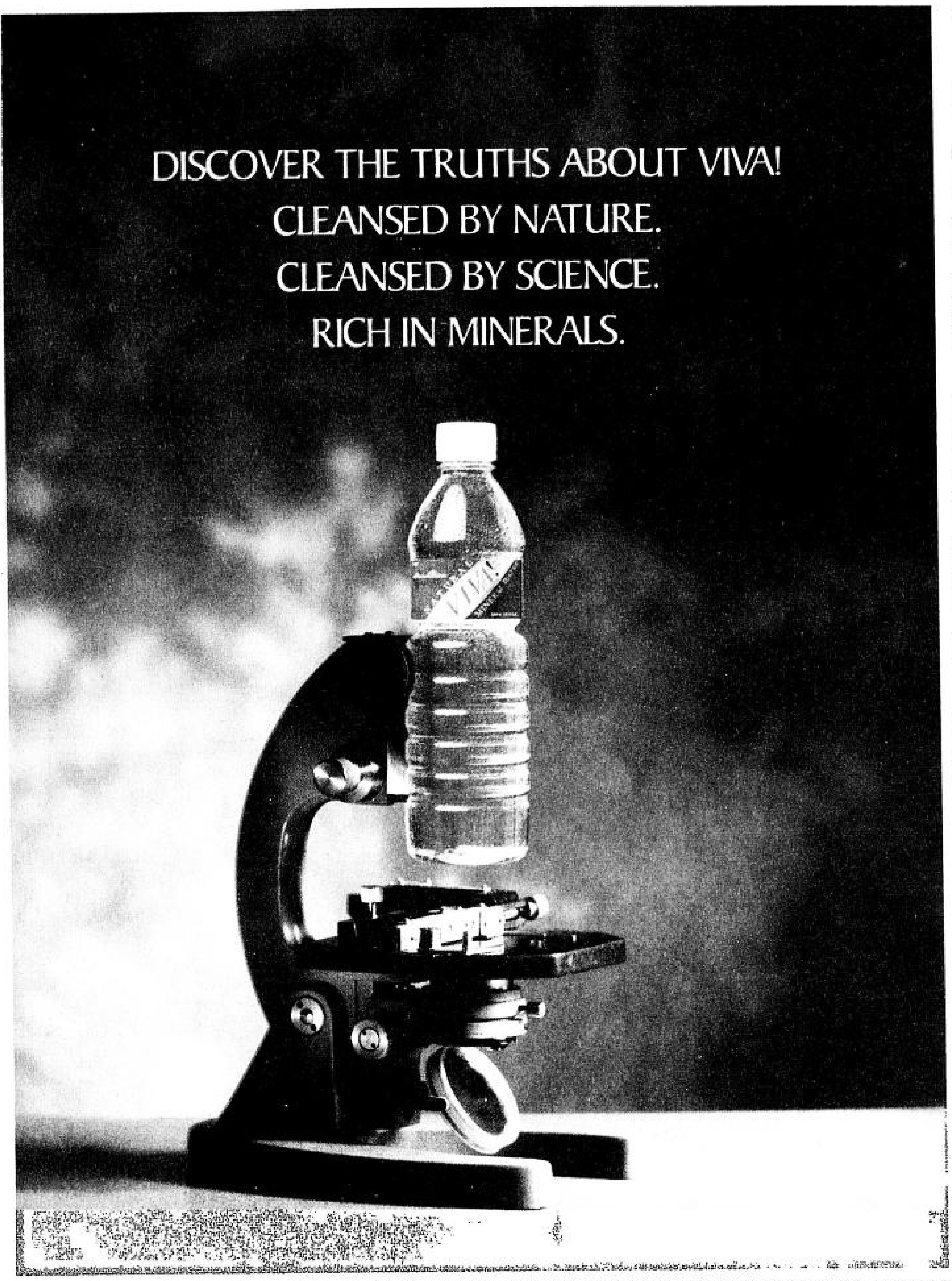
Breakneck speed

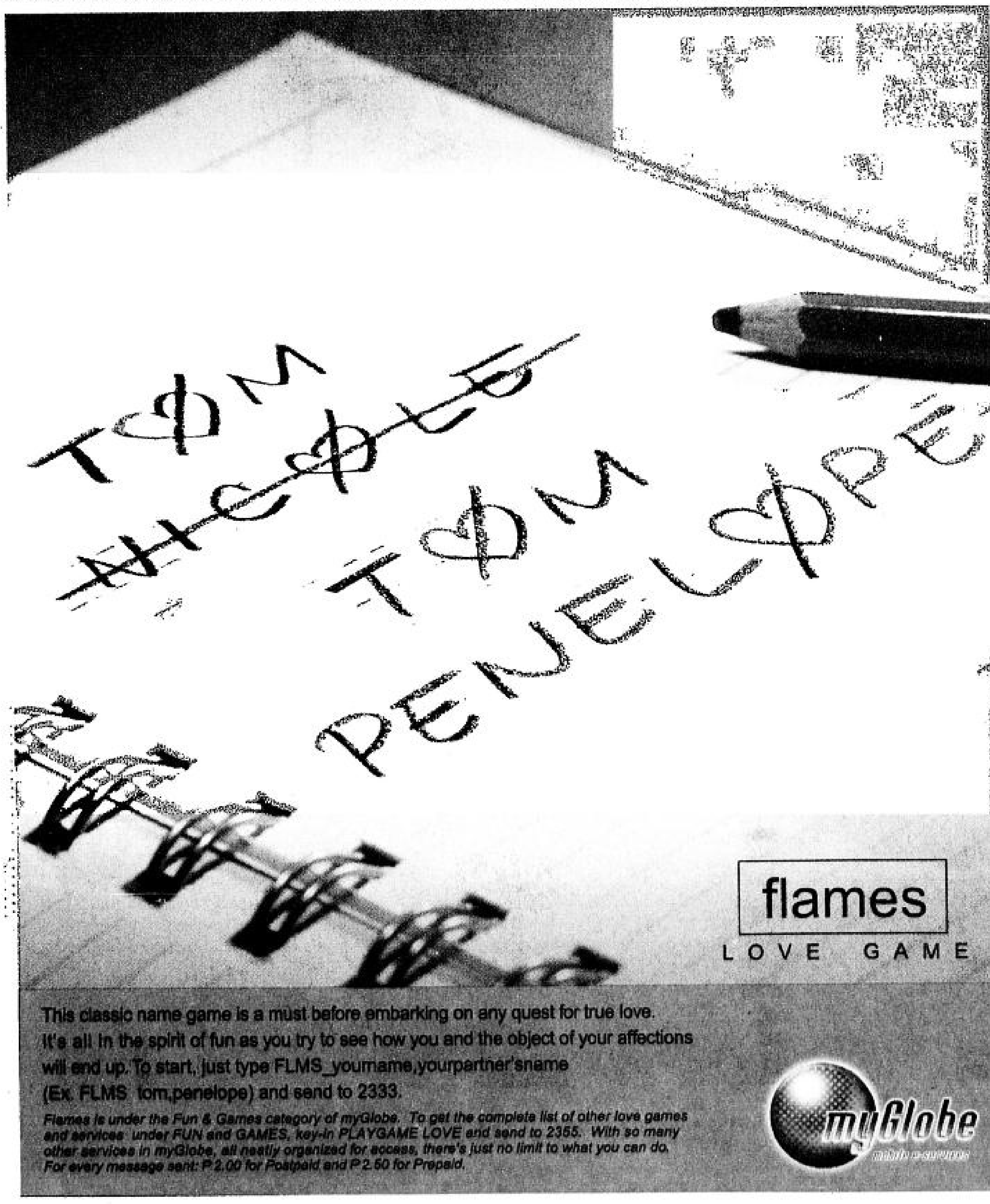
This play goes on at breakneck speed, tackling such subjects as insanity (and who really defines it), incest, and even the deified Sir Winston Churchill, whose body parts play a role in this outrageous and savage farce.

"Orton's farces make an audience confront the schizophrenic patterns of their lives, rather than evade them," says official biographer John Lahr. "By making a carnival of man's stupidity and superstition, by exposing the condition of social insanity, his plays hold out to an audience the possibility of humility and care."

Joe Orton was the most scandalous product of a scandalous age, as were his razor-edged works. By going directly to the funnybone and the throat, he shook up and opened the eyes of a dully slumbering people to the realities of violence, moral corruption, promiscuity, and other truths about "the old whore society."

Though he only lived for a short while, his plays will surely live on as long as there are people willing to have a good laugh— at their own expense!





This classic name game is a must before embarking on any quest for true love. It's all in the spirit of fun as you try to see how you and the object of your affections will end up. To start, just type FLMS_yourname,yourpartner'sname (Ex. FLMS tom,penelope) and send to 2333.

Flames is under the Fun & Games category of myGlobe. To get the complete list of other love games and services under FUN and GAMES, key-in PLAYGAME LOVE and send to 2355. With so many other services in myGlobe, all neatly organized for access, there's just no limit to what you can do. For every message sent: P 2.00 for Postpaid and P 2.50 for Prepaid.

Sana sa ibang schools may ganito!
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MY DAD WON. Mikhail Francia hugs his father Jaih after he won in the obstacle course.

BETOY JOHNSON

A Day with Dad

JI Correspondent ***Nico Miguel N. Garcia*** *gives us the low down on PAREF-Southridge "Bravo Mi Papa Day"*

IT was the second day of February. The event: a gimmick for Father's Day. The place: PAREF-Southridge School, Alabang.

Everyone—little kids and big adults—wanted to know who was going to win. The Vinta team or the Helm team? It was going to be a game of physical and mental strength, strategy and stamina.

Dads and sons had been divided into the two different teams. Each team had its own torch and had to win in the most number of events. It was food-filled day, too. All over the field, you could get drinking water, juices, soft drinks, snowcones and lots more. And the food! Wow, there was *lechon baka*, burgers, chicken, pizza, etc. You name it, Southridge had it.

At 2 p.m., the competition began. Four grueling events were played by both tribes under the heat of the burning sun: tug-of-war, survivor obstacle course, tropical catch, and basketball.

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World Scope

Library Fave

J.K. ROWLING, author of the Harry Potter book series, poses in this Nov. 19, 2001 file photo in London. Rowling's "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" has become the British libraries' third most-loaned title, according to figures released last week. **AP**

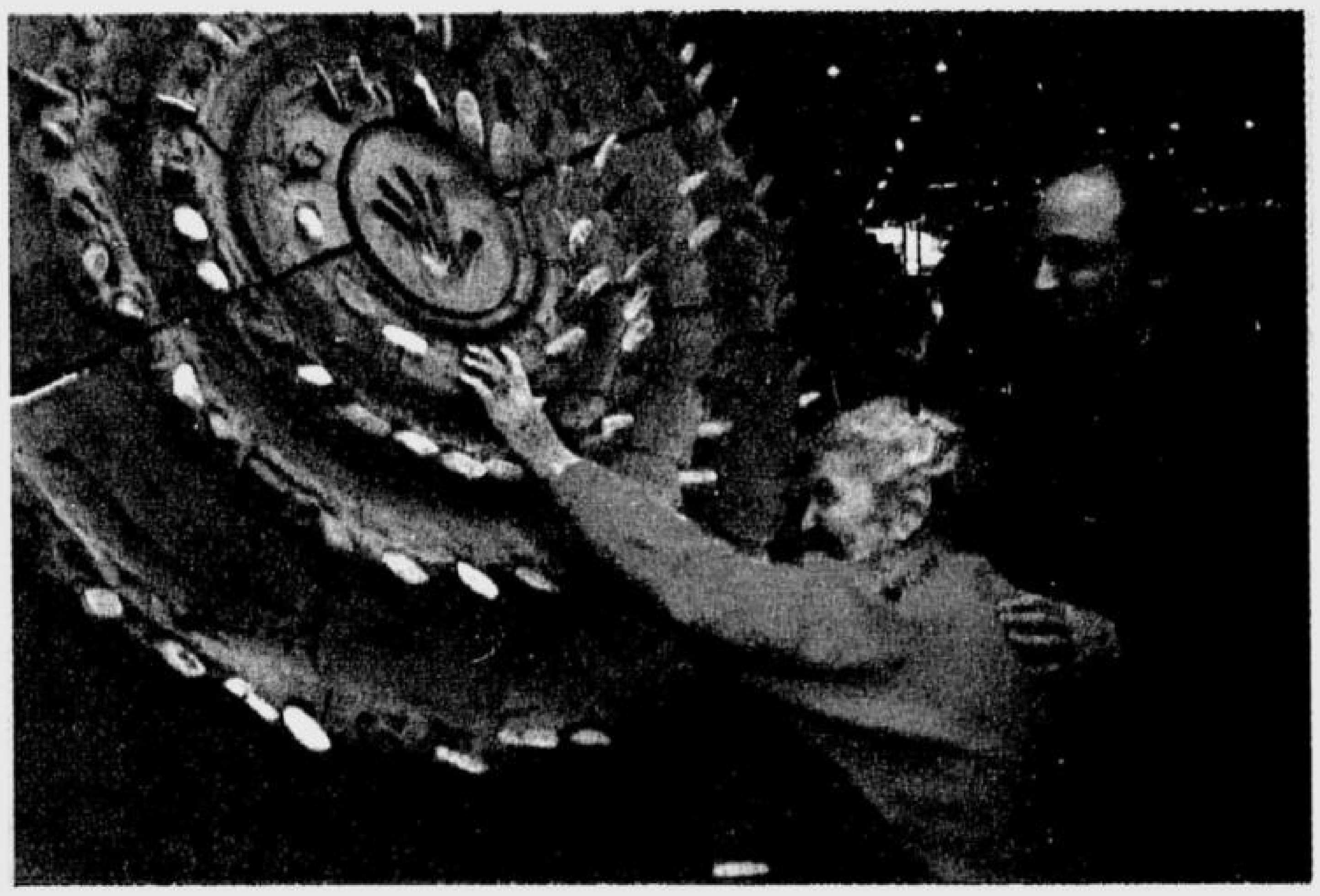
Ride for Cures

COAST to Coast Against Cancer founders Kevin Wallace, left, and Jeff Rushton embrace after reaching the Atlantic Ocean at Anastasia Island State Recreation Area in St. Augustine, Florida. The riders from Mississauga, Ontario, raised over $110,000 for cancer research on a 24-day cycling trek from San Diego to St. Augustine. **AP**

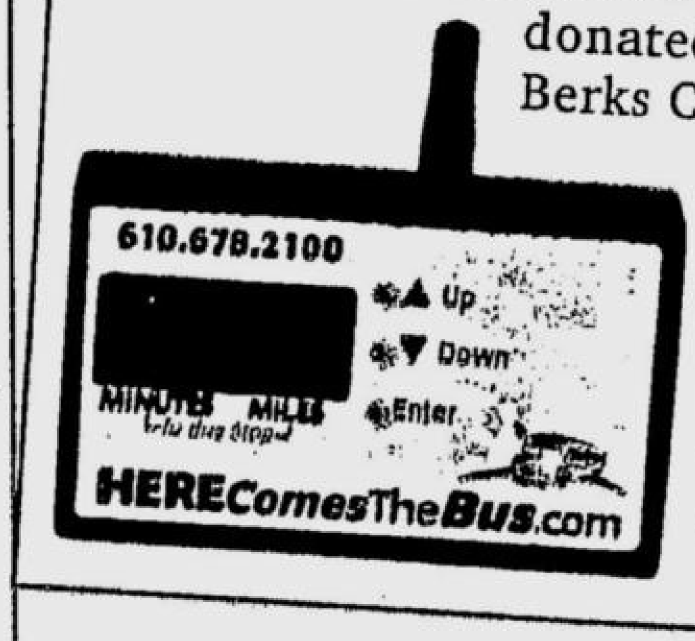
London, England
Berks County
New York,
St. Augustine,

Hand in Hand

US SCULPTOR Neil Tetkowski, right, watches Mary Livornese, 102, of New York attempt to place her palm in the center of Tetkowski's new creation "World Mandala Monument" before a dedication ceremony at the United Nations. Livornese's palm print is at the center of the sculpture along with a palm print of a child. Tetkowski organized clay and sand samples from all 188 United Nations member states to be sent to New York for the formulation of a 2.5-meter sculpture celebrating the interconnection of all human beings. **AP**



School Bus Tracker



THE "HERE Comes The Bus" tracking system, which is being donated to the Wilson school District in Berks County. The Jan. 24 disappearance of a Pennsylvania school bus on what should have been a minutes-long trip has school districts around the country consulting with satellite tracking companies that could help keep better tabs on students. **AP**

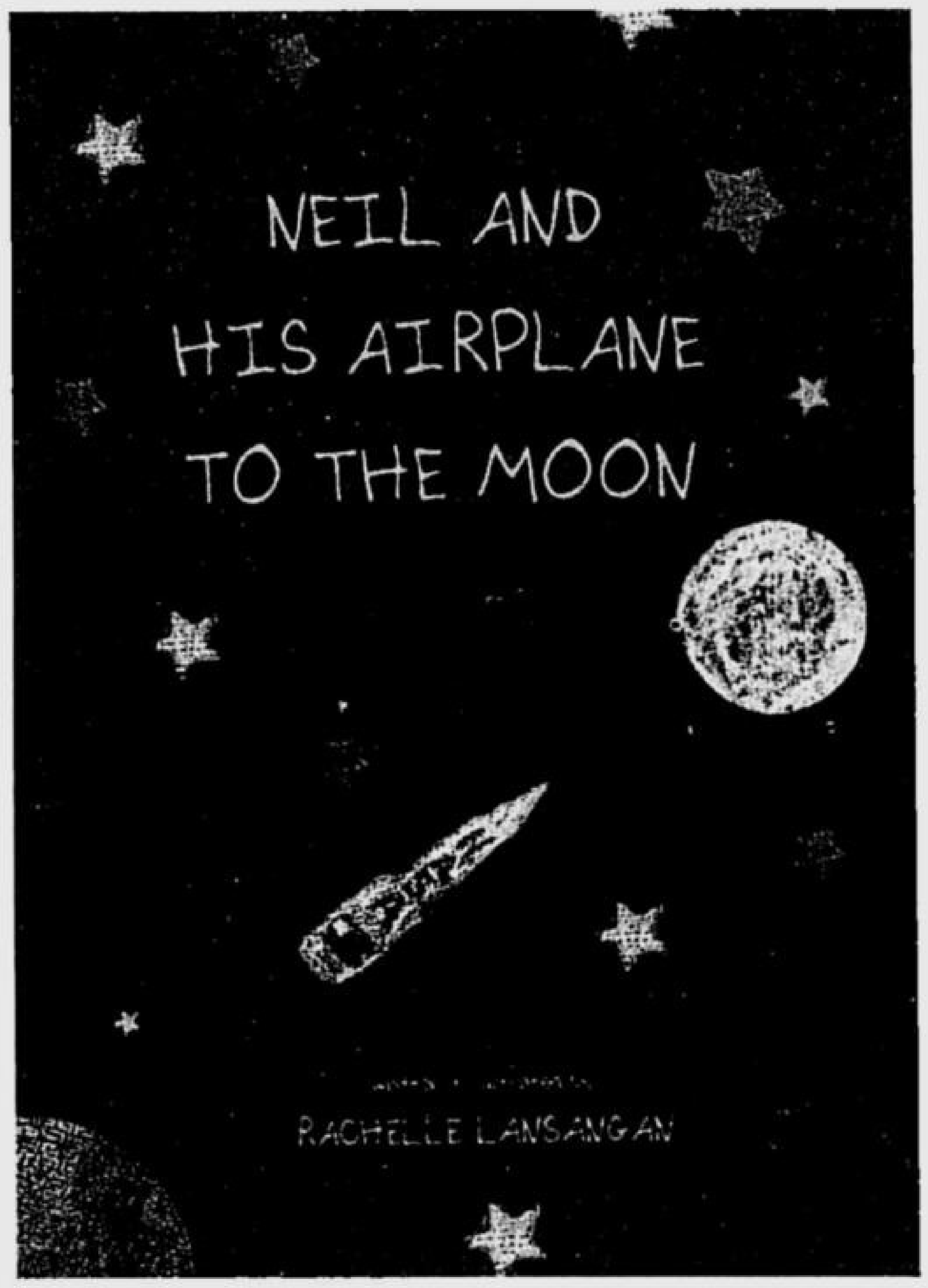
OUT THERE

By Marlet D. Salazar

Got something for Out There? Send us the info two weeks in advance. Our fax numbers are 897-4793 up to 94. Don't forget to include your contact numbers and addresses.

Activities

BOOK LAUNCH. Drop by Museo Pambata today and catch the launch of "Neil and His Airplane to the Moon" by first-time author Rachelle Lansangan. This is from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. A free workshop on crayon resist art will also be offered to interested young artists. Call Museo Pambata at 523-1797 for more details.



ARTS MONTH. Check out the Ibarang Arts Festival at the National Arts Center in Mt. Makiling, Los Baños, Laguna. This month of music, dance art exhibits, book launchings, film showings and dance and theater performances—all by young artists of the Philippine High School for the Arts. For inquiries, call up (049) 536-2862; (049) 536-5972.

JAPANESE VIOLINIST. If classical music is your thing, read on. A free concert featuring violinist Ms Junko Ohtsu, pianist Mr. Masahiko Sato and percussionist Mr. Kei Wada will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 20, 7 p.m. at St. Cecilia's Hall, St. Scholastica's College, Manila. Titled "Violin Kaleidoscope," the concert features well-known contemporary pieces and some original Japanese compositions. Call the Japan Foundation Manila office at 811-6155 to 58 for seat reservations.

Workshops

DANCE CLASS. Dansa Studio now offers dance classes for kids. There will be classes in jazz, streetdance, ballroom, ballet and aerobics. The studio is at 4/F Manna II Bldg., 33 V. Luna Ave., Barangay Pinyahann, Quezon City. Call up 436-6175 or 0917-9868822 for more details.

FREE LEARNING CAMP. What do you do in a learning camp? Well, at the Sacred Heart School Sun Valley, you'll be dancing and singing and doing all kinds of arts and crafts projects, all for free. But only during the four Saturdays of February. If you like the idea, call up Sacred Heart School at 823-1348 or 776-0312 and look for Ms Mary Rose. The school is at 390 Sun Valley Drive, Sun Valley Subdivision, Parañaque City.

JOLLIBEE KIDS WORKSHOP. Learn arts and craft, dancing, singing and many more when you join the Jollibee Kids Workshop Club. When you become a member you will receive the free monthly issue of JKW Digest. The digest features do-it-yourself arts and crafts, stories and everything you need to learn. For workshop schedules check out the following:

- Jollibee Kalookan-LRT: Lani Carandang, tel. 361-7850.
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- Jollibee Royal Family Mall: Alex Domingo, tel. 984-5398 to 99.
- Jollibee Robinsons Place Metro East: Mike Angeles, tel. 645-6295.

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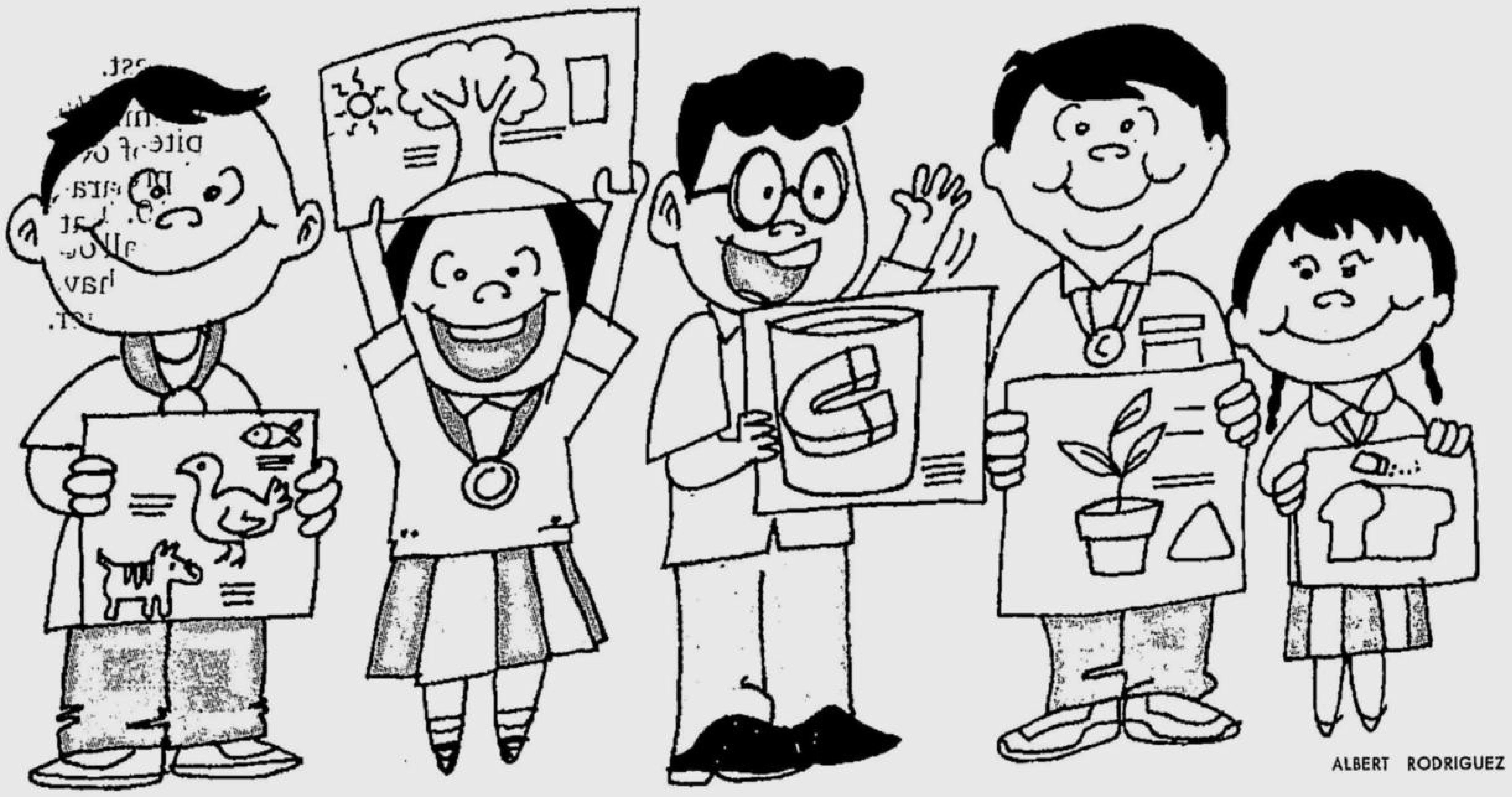
NEWS

Any news from YOUR SCHOOL?

Young campus journalists can fax their typewritten articles to JI at 897-4793 up to 94. Include your name, school and contact number and be sure to write **ATTENTION: JUNIOR INQUIRER** on top of your article. See **YOUR** news articles on the Junior


ALBERT RODRIGUEZ

A.L.O.H.A. science fair grand awardees named

HEY! Congratulations to the winners of the A.L.O.H.A. Science Fair for Early Childhood.

Out of the 78 finalists, 15 entries in five categories bagged the grand prize award. The categories were pre-school level (Level 1) and Grades 1-5 (Levels 2 to 5).

And here's a list of the top three winning entries:

Level 1: Preschool

1. "The Conservation of Water" by Jhona B. Batil of Aurora Quezon Elementary School

2. "Organic Pesticide" by Paolo Maru R. Bayongawan of Nangka Elementary School

3. "My Generation Tree" by Lancelot C. Orejas of Promiseland Learning Center

Level 2: Grade 1

1. "Sunken Magnet" by Kabel Mishka J. Ligot of The Learning Tree Child Growth Center Inc.

2. "Home Gardening with Compost" by Von John M. Cabacungan of Parang Elementary School

3. "Plants Parts, their Works and Needs" by Kenneth Paul M. Lanuza of Silvestre Lazaro Elementary School

Level 3: Grade 2

1. "Ang Naglahong Hayop sa Mundo" by James Victor E. Roque of Tinajeros Elementary School

2. "Homemade Shoe Polish" by Angela Karesse Bonto Andres of Nangka Elementary School

1. "Ginger Candy as Cure for Coughs (Herbal Medicine)" by Ann marie Judiel A. Lozada of Parang Elementary School

Level 4: Grade 3

1. "The Effect of Kapok and Foam Mattresses on Body Temperature while Lying Down" by Jaron H. Dellota of The Learning Tree Child Growth Center

2. "The Effects of Pollution on an Environment" by Rianne Y. Soliven of Nazareth School

3. "Seeing Sound Waves" by Reymark D. Diaz of Mapulang Lupa Elementary School

Level 5: Grade 6

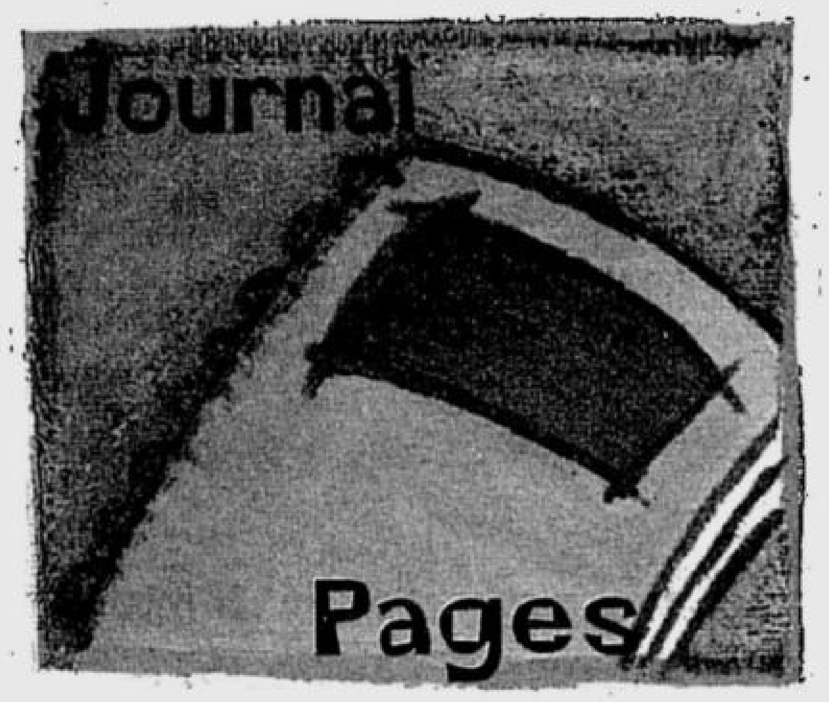
1. "A Study on How Salt and Water Affect the Growth of Mold on Bread" by Camille Ruth M. Armas of The Learning Tree Child Growth Center

2. "Recycling Candles Out of Coconut Meat" by Remy Ross O. Cabrera of Manuel Luis Quezon Elementary School

3. "Cockroach Balls" by Jay S. Fidelino of Potrero Elementary School

These lucky science whiz kids received cash, medals and full scholarship grants on A.L.O.H.A tutorial programs. Their schools also got plaques of recognition and the advisers received cash and certificates. Oh, and the winners also got free memberships to the "Science Works! Kiddie Science Club."

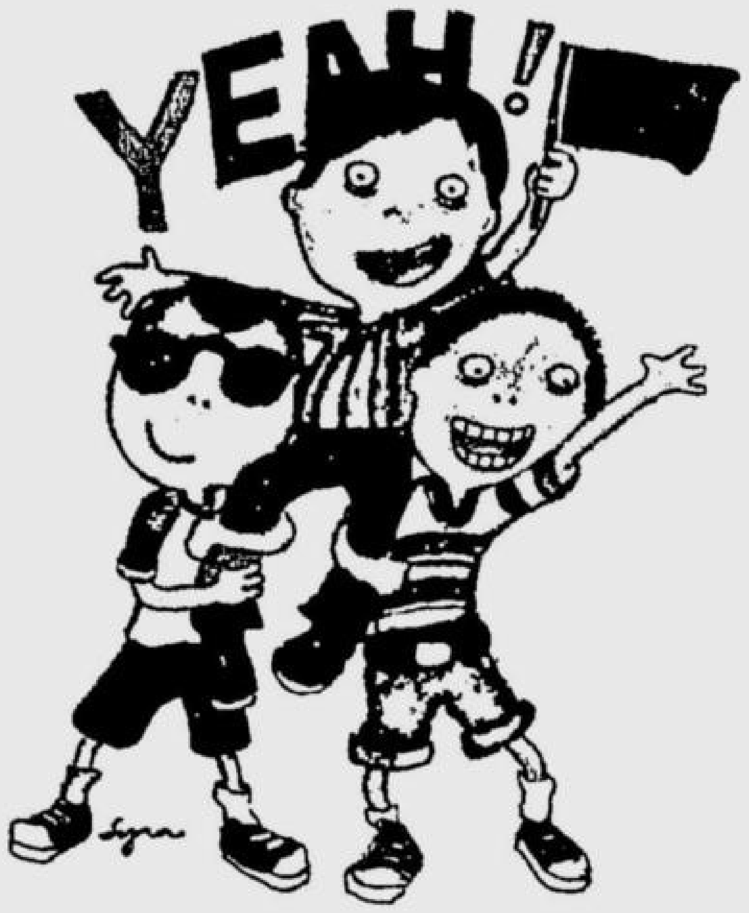
Again, congratulations kids!



A Journalism Experience I'll Never Forget

By Jeremy Adolor

Montessori Child Learning Center, Quezon City



ALL around me, other students were scribbling on their papers. How was I going to begin my editorial? After what seemed like the longest few minutes of my life, I began my essay by talking about wars and revolutions that had taken place in world history.

Where was I? I was a contestant at an editorial writing contest at Don Alejandro Roces High School. The month was October. The year: 2001. The theme: "Prospects for world peace and the role of the youth."

The minutes passed by quickly. Before I knew it, we only had 10 minutes left. I just had enough time to rewrite my entry on a clean sheet of paper. I submitted my essay in the nick of time.

On the day of the announcement of winners, my school paper adviser, four other classmates and I went back to Don Alejandro Roces High School. We waited patiently for the name of our school to be announced as winner. The awardees for the news writing contest was announced. But our school wasn't one of them. Next, feature writing…Nope.

We were all so nervous. Did we even dare expect to win? We didn't know. It was our first time to join such contests. If only one of us made it to the Top 10 list then we would be happy.

After sometime, we were all surprised when the school's name was called. My classmate, JL—who joined the contest with me—ranked 9th place in the editorial writing contest.

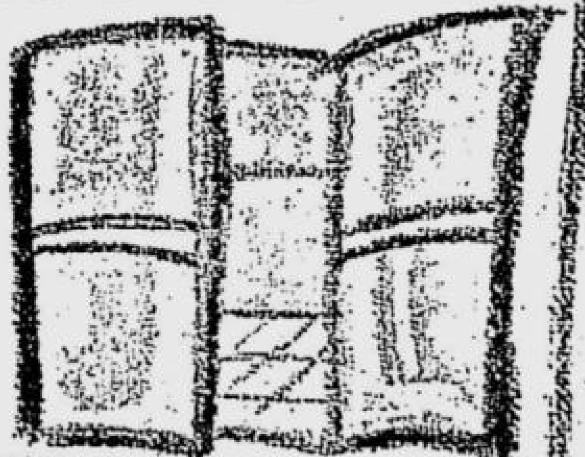
All of us were happy and proud of him. We were all so thankful because in spite of our inexperience and short period of preparation, one of us made it to the Top 10. That made us realize that no matter how small our expectations are of ourselves, we all have possibilities for something better and bigger.

Sound Familiar?

Write down your thoughts now and send them to JI. Who knows, you might just get published!

Straight from JI Readers

You can now reach us via e-mail! Our address is **ji@inquirer.com.ph** Don't forget to include your complete name, age, snail mail address and your phone number. Hope to hear from you soon!



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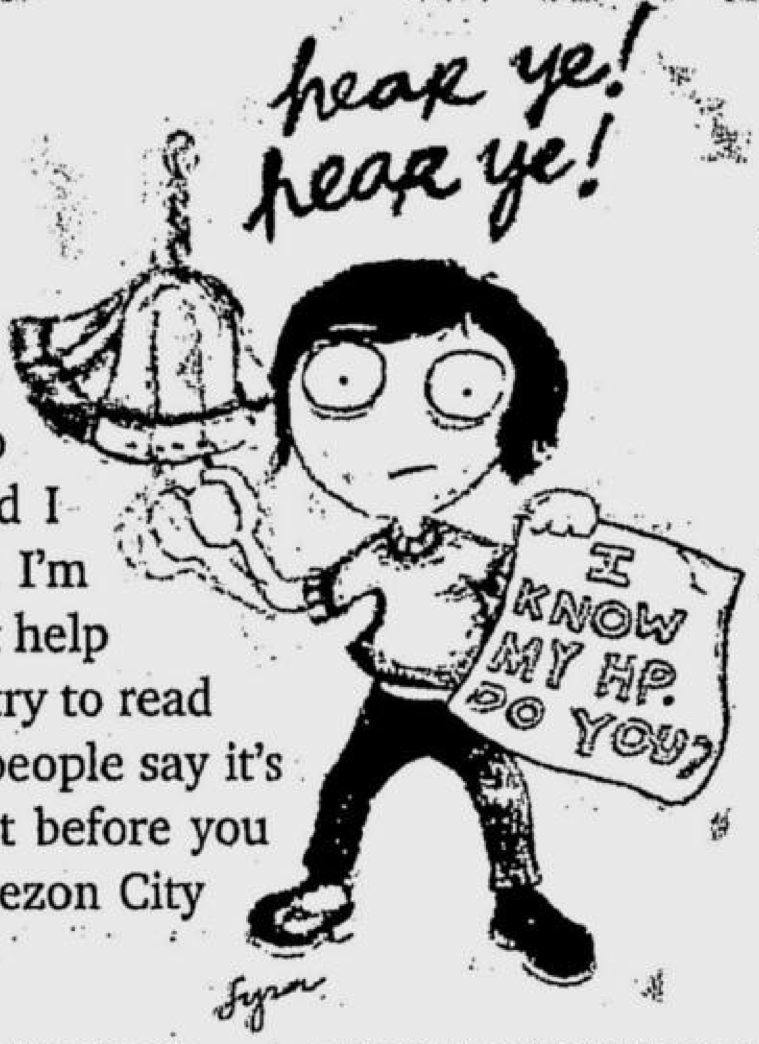
hear ye!
hear ye!
I KNOW MY HP. DO YOU?

DEAR Editor,

I've been a reader of JI for a long time. I really like "Straight from JI Readers" because we can express our insights and opinions. I would like to say something to people who dislike Harry Potter. I'm a reader of HP and I don't see anything bad at it. It broadens my imagination. I'm not a book reader and I hate reading books but I just can't help it about HP. To people who dislike it, I think they should try to read it first and I respect what would they say. Because most people say it's demonic but they haven't read it. So please read HP first before you judge it.—**ANNA JENNIFER UMLAS**, 13, Fairview, Quezon City

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Dear Rea

If a piece of paper could talk, this is what it would say

Story by
Antheia Rae

Illustrations by
Katrina Villa

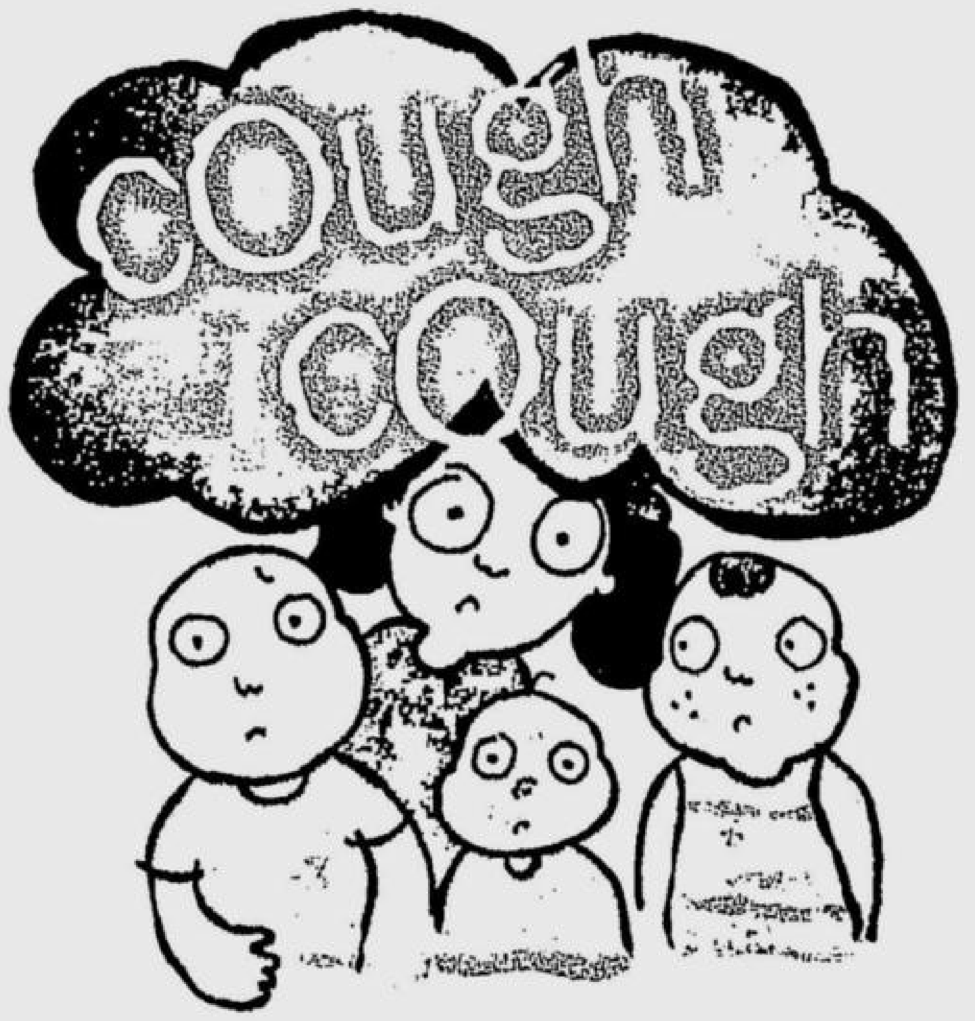
DEAR READER,

I used to be a piece of pad paper in school belonging to a very rich girl, who just threw me out on the street and said, "I am so rich why do I need a lousy piece of paper!"

I have traveled from the dirty streets of Edsa to the outskirts of Tagaytay.

I have been thrown on the ground as a piece of scrap time after time.

Until one day, a group of children found me and decided to write a letter. I hope you will help these children succeed in their mission to rid this planet of pollution.



IT ALL BEGAN when the kids overheard Dr. Manuel Celdran discussing with his secretary about children's safety. Children and babies as young as 2 months old are affected by asthma from breathing in smoke and inhaling glue caused by too much drug use. Ninety percent of his patients had respiratory illnesses caused by smog.

So Dr. Celdran went to the local library to search for information. He found over 200 articles on pollution and wondered why put up all the information and never actually do anything about it? Dr. Celdran was so overwhelmed with information he asked if he could take some of the books home to do read it some more.

At night, Dr. Celdran had a throng of thoughts and ideas in his head.

He thought to himself, "I wonder what I could do to help the country, but
one man. What could I alone do by

He thought and thought all th
night.

When his wife noticed that he wa
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always honest with his wife—said
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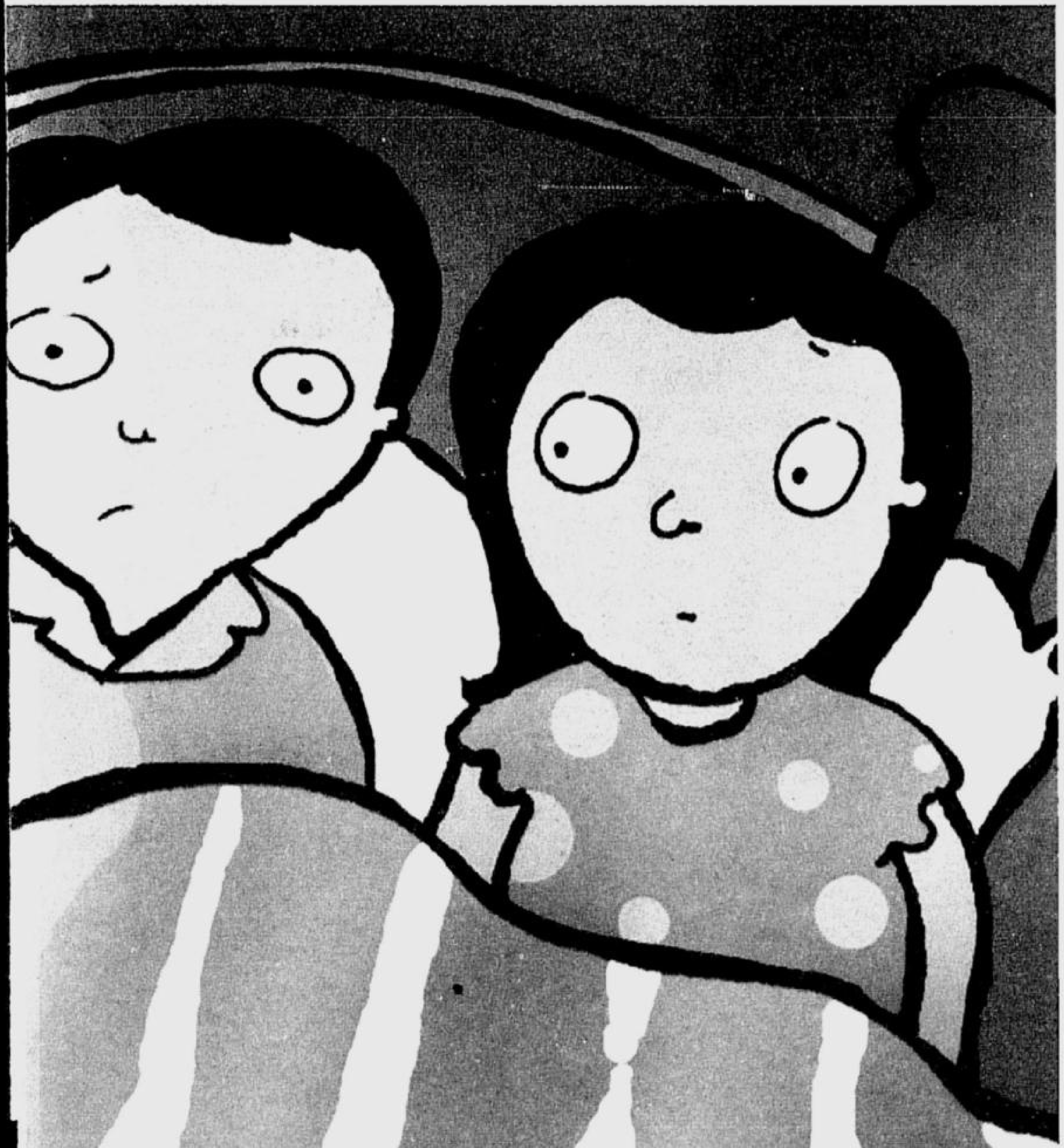
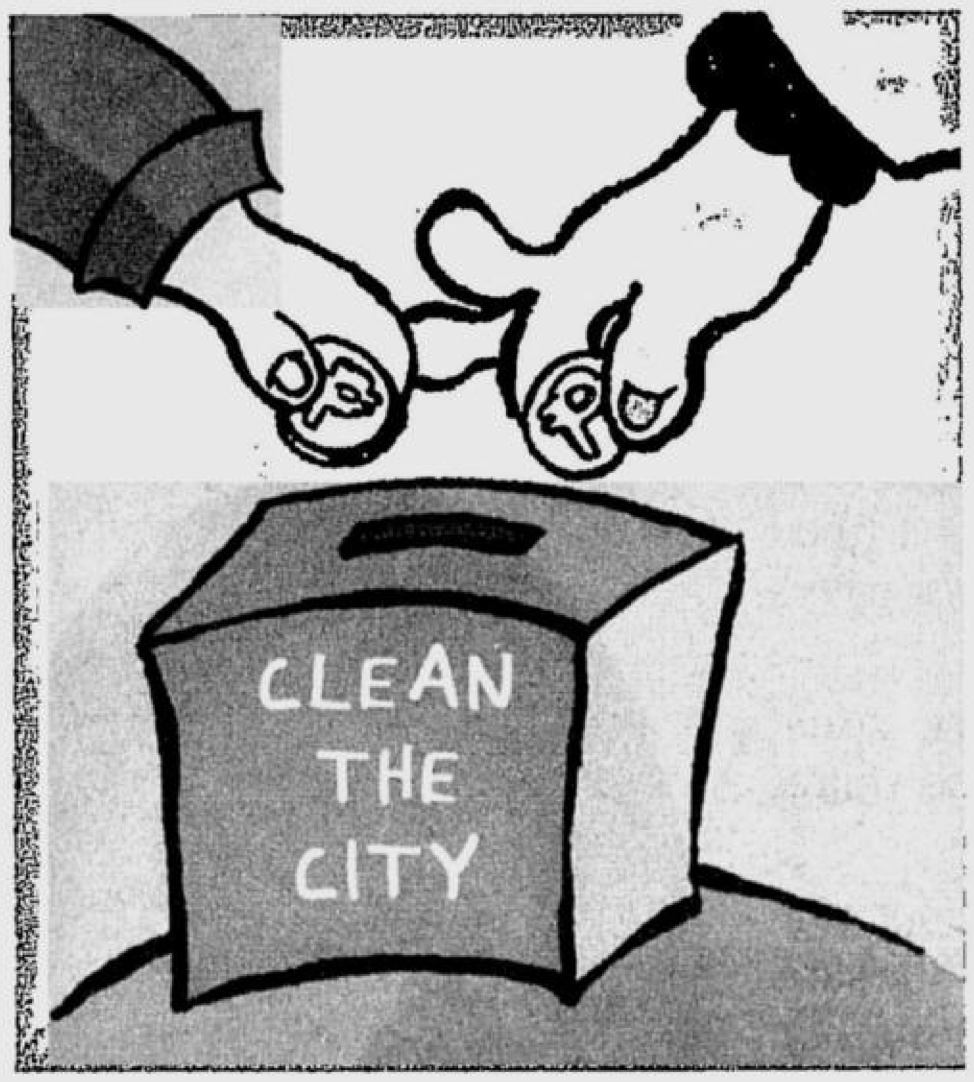
"That's a great idea. Thank you, I knew I could count on you!" Dr. Celdran said as he hugged his wife.

THE NEXT DAY Dr. Celdran took time out from his busy schedule to personally talk to each person about his plan and to drop any amount of money in a box outside his office.

Dr. Celdran collected a total of P10,000 to contribute to help keep the country clean.





Dr. Celdran's plan was to buy environment-friendly buses and schools for the helpless children.

After this donation Dr. Celdran put up an organization to collect money for further donations.

When he got home he held a celebration for his wonderful success in helping the society. Dr. Celdran invited some employees from work and they had a wonderful time!

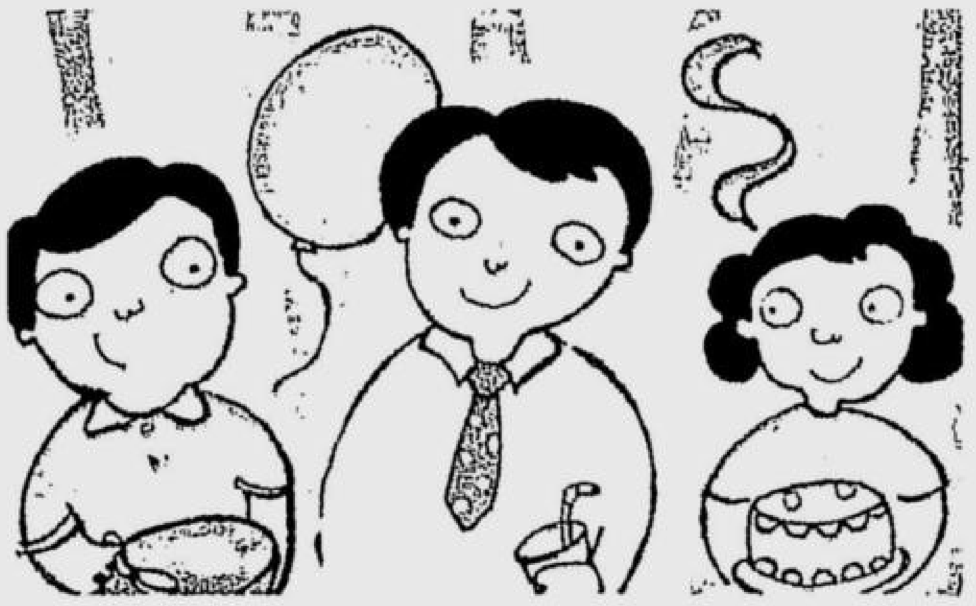
NOW THAT YOU have our letter, we want you to know that the pollution rate is now, way over the safety limit. The pollution rate is up to about 75 percent and if we don't do something today it can reach up to 100% in the next decade!

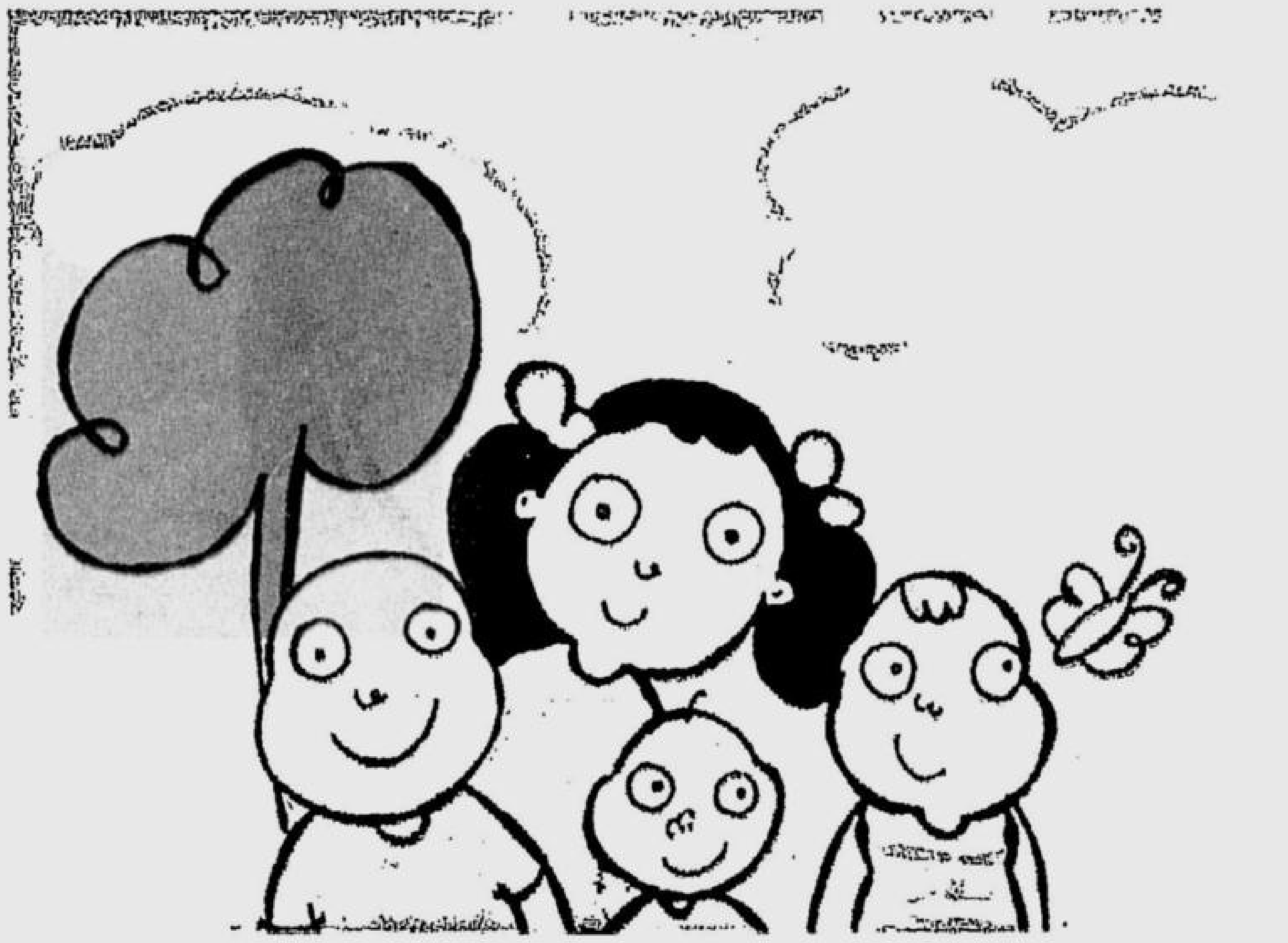
I have two favors to ask of you, one is copy and send this letter to as many people you know, and even to people you don't know, put it on notice boards or anywhere where people can read it. The main purpose is to spread the message as fast as you can. For favor number two I ask you to analyze this letter then encourage other people to contribute some amount of money, just like Dr. Miguel Celdran.

P.S. Help keep the city clean!!!

***Antheia**, 10, is half-Canadian and half-Chinese and lived in Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur and Canada, before coming to Manila. She loves to bike and rollerblade with her Dad, and go swimming. She studies at International School Manila.*

***Niña** is the creator of The Lunch Box. She is a member of Ang Ilustrador ng Kabataan.*





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The Nicest Niece

Joyce Yu is simply her aunt's hero

IT'S not the easiest thing being the eldest in a family. But 14-year-old Joyce Yu, has been a good sister, a good daughter, an excellent student and one of the best nieces an aunt can have.

In a letter to Junior Inquirer, visual artist Eleanor Yu had only good things to say about her niece Joyce.

"I have seen Joyce perform her role as a model sister," Ms Yu said. "She sure can handle...guiding and helping her other sisters, Joy and Jem, in their homework She's also a kind friend which makes her a popular figure in her school, Sacred Heart in Quezon City."

Ms Yu's admiration for her niece only grew when she saw how bravely Joyce handled herself when her mother passed away on Feb. 3 of breast cancer.

Though Joyce was also grieving, she was there to console her father and her two younger sisters Joy and Jem.

"She is a very responsible daughter, " Ms Yu wrote. " I admire her for her faith and courage in facing her mother's death."

Ms Yu believes her niece will do just fine in this world. "She will be all right," she said.

Joyce dreams of becoming a Civil Engineer, and Ms Yu thinks that if that is what Joyce wants to be, then she will surely make it.

"I want to build the building which my sister Joy, who wants to take up architecture would design," Joyce said. "Jem, my youngest sister will do the interior design."

Then, Joyce also wants to put up a huge library filled with all types of books: history, biography, fiction, non-fiction and children's books.

"Joyce is a beautiful person inside and out," said Ms Yu, and we totally agree.

BOOK DREAMS. Joyce told her aunt she'd like to build a big library someday.

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'Rrifickidsaresmart
'Rrifickidsarefun
Somearen'tinthehonorslist
Butgettheirhomeworkdone
Somehowtheworld's
abetterplace
Iknowthismuchistrue
Hey'Rrifickid!
Weknowyou'rethere
Weloveyou'causeyou'reyou!

If you think you're 'Rriffic' or know someone who is, fill out the nomination form below and send it to:

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1231 Makati City

Chosen nominees will be featured on this page and will get a **free Junior Inquirer T-shirt!**

Kid's'r'rrific

nomination form

I nominate:____________________
Age:____________________
I think she's/he's 'Rrific because: (Here's a tip! Write a detailed description of a good deed, project or accomplishment by your nominee.)
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She/he lives at____________________
and studies at____________________
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Sender's Age & School:____________________
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A Day with Dad

(from page 1)

Photos by BETOY JOHNSON

BRING ME. There were games for the rest of the family, too.

As the two tribes battle it out, there were many attractions and distractions that provided fun and entertainment. The Masskara percussion band and dance group from Negros provided the Latin beat throughout the day.

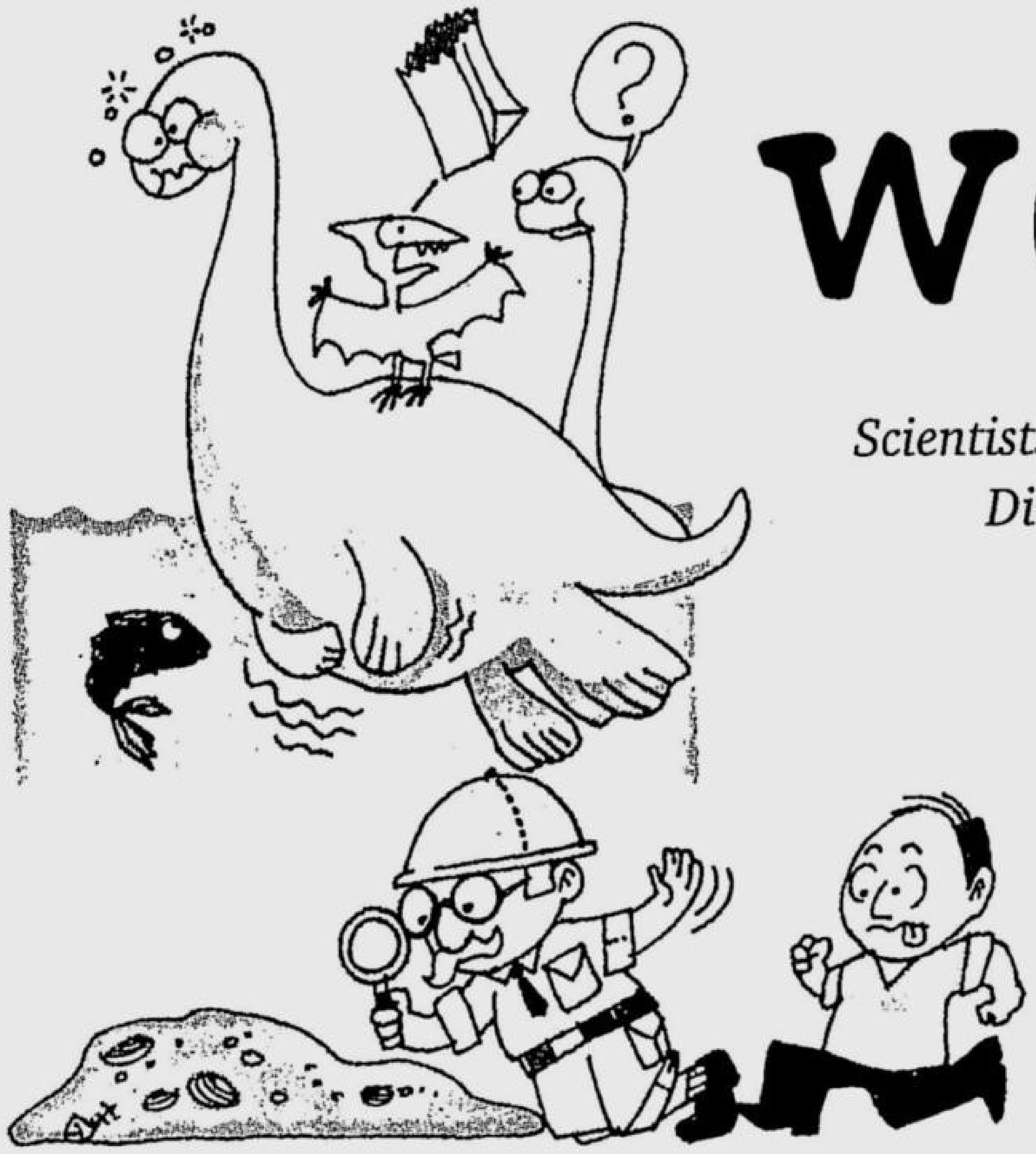
When the sun set and the moon rose, the highlight of the day came. There was the foot parade, the lantern parade and float parade. The colorful floats and lanterns were not only our nice nightlights but gave a shining light that made night like day. Some variety shows followed. The Maneuvers, The Company and Freestyle Band entertained us.

After all that, the "tribe council" or the contest judges, announced the victorious team: the Tribe of Helm.

As we end the father's day celebration, a spectacular display of fireworks colored the sky. It was just the right ending to a spectacular day.

WAHOO! Winner or not, it was a smashing fun day for everyone.

Eeeewww... wow!



Scientists Find Jurassic Age Dinosaur Vomit

BRITISH scientists said they have discovered what they believed to be the world's oldest fossilized vomit from a large marine reptile that lived 160 million years ago.

Professor Peter Doyle of the University of Greenwich in London said the vomit found in a clay quarry in northern England shed new light on the diet and eating habits of the *ichthyosaur*—a Jurassic Age fish-like reptile with a long head, tapered body and four flippers.

"We believe that this is the first time the existence of fossil vomit on a grand scale has been proven beyond reasonable doubt," Doyle said.

Other examples of fossilized vomit have been discovered, but Doyle and Dr. Jason Wood of Britain's Open University said their sample was the oldest.

"These are the oldest, definitely," Doyle said, adding that there was scientific evidence to back it up.

The, uh, meal

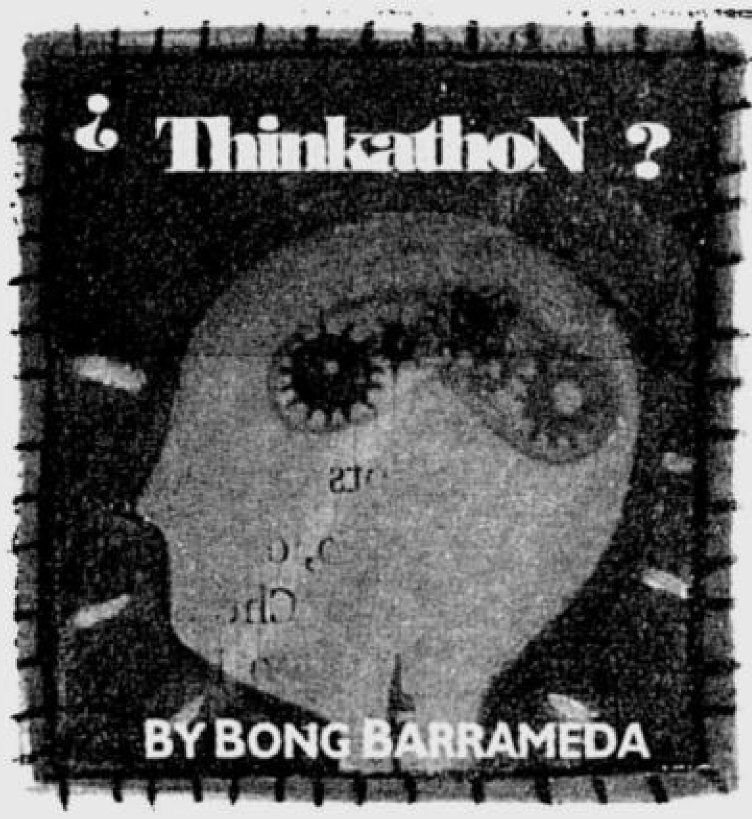
The vomit contains the shells of dozens of belemnites, tiny shellfish that were found in abundance in the water around Britain. They were a staple food for extinct marine reptiles.

The scientists are convinced the sample is vomit because of the way the belemnite shells were scattered in the fossilized sample. A microscopic examination also showed the shells had been etched by stomach acid from the digestive fluid of the marine creatures.

Skeletons of *ichthyosaurs* with stomach contents intact have previously been found, but the belemnite shells were quite unpalatable and usually expelled from the body.

Doyle said it was unlikely the shells passed through the ichthyosaur's intestines because they would have damaged the soft tissue.

"The only alternative is that the shells were vomited out, in much the same way that modern-day sperm whales regurgitate the indigestible beaks of squid they have eaten," he said. ***Reuters***


¿ ThinkathoN ?

BY BONG BARRAMEDA

Love Songs-2

HERE'S the second part of our musical quiz (especially dedicated to all those nursing a Valentine's Day hangover). In each number, can you give the title of the song from which the listed lines are taken? Again, we've included the tune's artist(s) to help you out.

1. Dapat mong tantuin
Wala ng ibang giliw
Puso ko'y tanungin
Ikaw at ikaw rin
—Pilita Corrales

2. The smile on your face lets me know
that you need me
There's a truth in your eyes
saying you'll never leave me
The touch of your hand says you'll
catch me if ever I fall
—Ronan Keating

3. Oh my love, my darling
I've hungered for your touch
a long lonely time
As time goes by so slowly
and time goes by so slowly
And time can do so much
Are you still mine?
I need your love, I need your love
God speed your love to me
—The Righteous Brothers

4. Ikaw sana (Ikaw sana)
Ang aking yakap-yakap
(Ang aking yakap-yakap)
Ang iyong kamay lagi ang aking hawak
(Ang iyong kamay lagi
ang aking hawak)
At hindi kanya (At hindi kanya)
—Freestyle with Pops Fernandez

5. You're asking me will my love grow
I don't know, I don't know
You stick around and it may show
I don't know, I don't know
—The Beatles

6. And oh—I'll be there to comfort you,
Build my world of dreams around you,
I'm so glad that I found you
I'll be there with a love that's strong
I'll be your strength, I'll keep
holding on—yes I will, yes I will
—Michael Jackson

7. Night after night we sleep together
Sharing lovely moments
that spell forever
Day after day our love gets stronger
Growing every minute
that we get closer
—Nonoy Zuniga

8. All the loneliness has always been
a friend of mine
I'm leaving my life in your hand
People say I'm crazy
and that I am blind
Risking it all on a chance
—Backstreet Boys

9. Look into my eyes
You will see what you mean to me
Search your heart, search your soul
And when you find me there,
you'll search no more
Don't tell me it's not worth trying for
You can't tell me
it's not worth dying for
—Bryan Adams

9. Mahal kita, mahal kita, hindi 'to bola
Ngumiti ka man lang
sana ako'y nasa langit na
Mahal kita, mahal kita, hindi 'to bola
—Apo Hiking Society

11. In a restless world like this is
Love is ended before it's begun
And too many moonlight kisses
Seem to cool in the warmth of the sun
—Nat King Cole

12. I've dreamed of this
a thousand times before
But in my dreams I couldn't
love you more
I will give you my heart
until the end of time
You're all I need, my love,
my Valentine
—Martina McBride

Answers:

1. “Dahil sa Iyo”
2. “When You Say Nothing At All”
3. “Unchained Melody”
4. “Bakit Ngayon Ka Lang”
5. “Something”
6. “I'll Be There”
7. “Never Ever Say Goodbye”
8. “As Long As You Love Me”
9. “Everything I Do (I Do It for You)”
10. “Ewan”
11. “When I Fall in Love”
12. “Valentine”

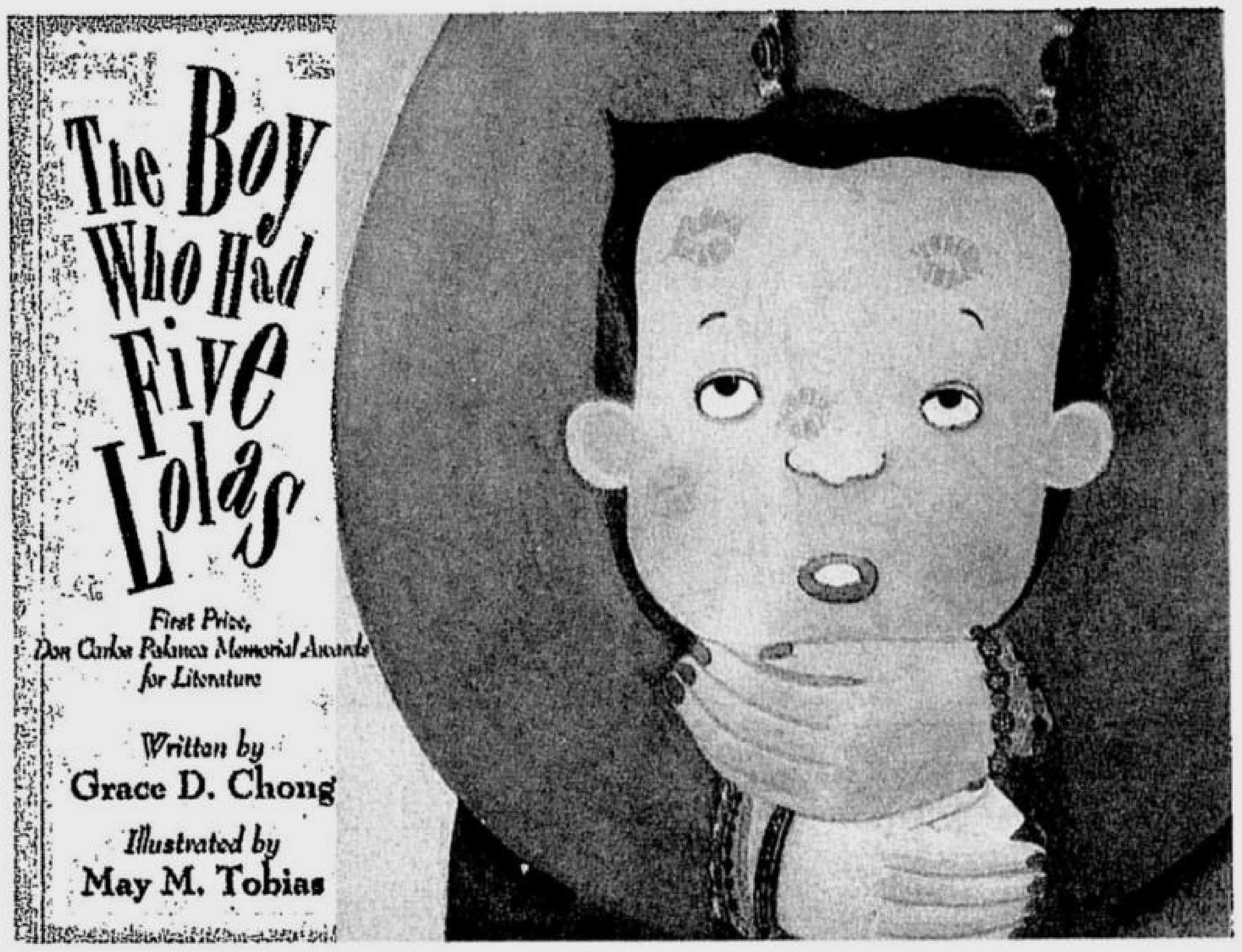
Ratings:

superbrain!
11 - 12

excellent!
9 - 10

good!
7 - 8

A Book to Read with Grandma. . .and with Dad


The Boy Who Had Five Lolas
First Prize, Don Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature
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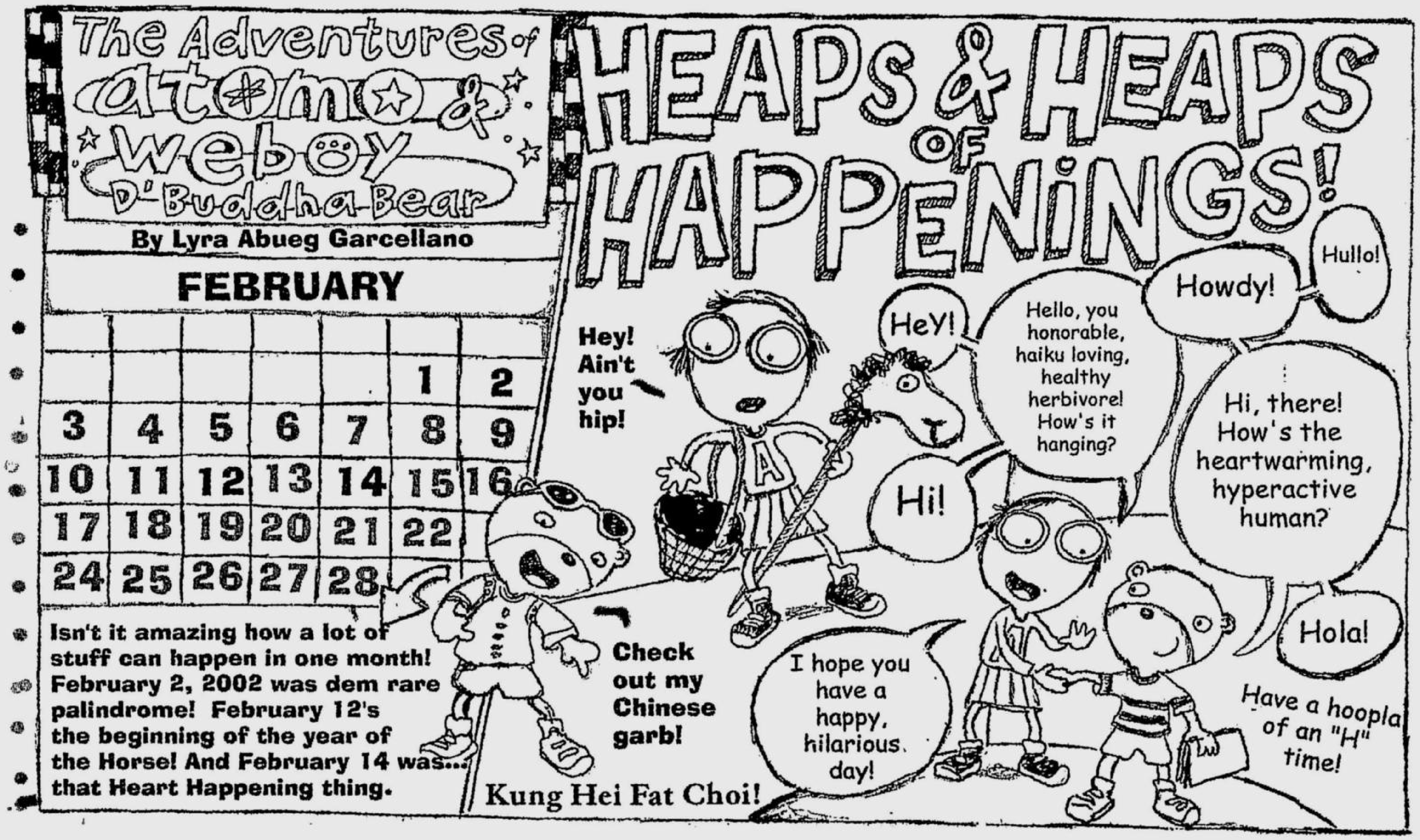
Iggy Ipis
BOOK REVIEWS

WAAAH! You all know how huggy, kissy and nosy human grandmothers can get. Why they make those sniffy noises when they kiss their *apos* is something a cockroach just can't understand. MY lola roach just likes to twitch her antenna to the tune of "Happy Birthday to You" everytime she sees me.

Just imagine how Mateo feels whenever his five—yes, five—*lolas* come to visit him and his dad. Why, that's hugs, sniffy kisses and lots of questions times five!

Mateo, or Teo, is a character in Grace D. Chong's book, "The Boy Who Had Five Lolas." He has a friend named Isabelo, a father named Ador and a curly-haired principal named Mr. De Guzman.

Teo's *lolas* come to visit on the exact same day Mr. De Guzman decides to drop in unexpectedly with some unexpected but happy news. Find out what that wonderful bit of news is and what it's like to have five loving lolas and one loving dad. All together now! Vooool-tesssss, fiiii-*vuh*!


The Adventures of atomo & weboy D'Buddha Bear
HEAPS & HEAPS OF HAPPENINGS!
Hey! Ain't you hip!
HeY!
Hello, you honorable, haiku loving, healthy herbivore! How's it hanging?
Howdy!
Hullo!
Hi!
Hi, there! How's the heartwarming, hyperactive human?
Hola!
Check out my Chinese garb!
I hope you have a happy, hilarious, day!
Have a hoopla of an "H" time!
Kung Hei Fat Choi!

By Lyra Abueg Garcellano

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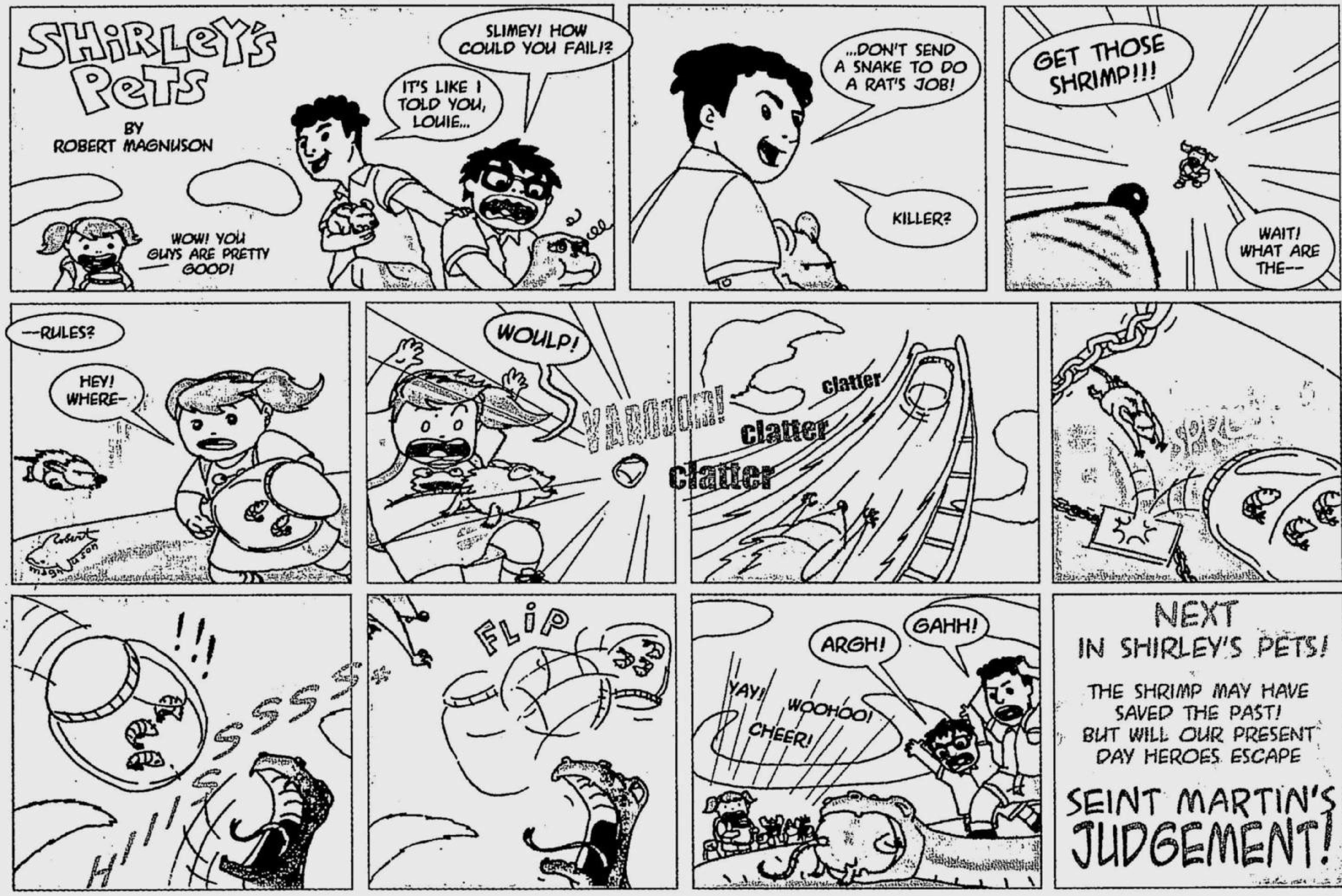
Isn't it amazing how a lot of stuff can happen in one month! February 2, 2002 was dem rare palindrome! February 12's the beginning of the year of the Horse! And February 14 was... that Heart Happening thing.


SHIRLEY'S PETS
BY ROBERT MAGNUSON
WOW! YOU GUYS ARE PRETTY GOOD!
IT'S LIKE I TOLD YOU, LOUIE...
SLIMEY! HOW COULD YOU FAIL!?
...DON'T SEND A SNAKE TO DO A RAT'S JOB!
KILLER?
GET THOSE SHRIMP!!!
WAIT! WHAT ARE THE--
--RULES?
HEY! WHERE-
Robert Magnuson
WOULP!
clatter
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!!!
FLIP
ARGH!
GAHH!
YAY!
WOOHOO!
CHEER!
NEXT IN SHIRLEY'S PETS!
THE SHRIMP MAY HAVE SAVED THE PAST! BUT WILL OUR PRESENT DAY HEROES ESCAPE
SEINT MARTIN'S JUDGEMENT!

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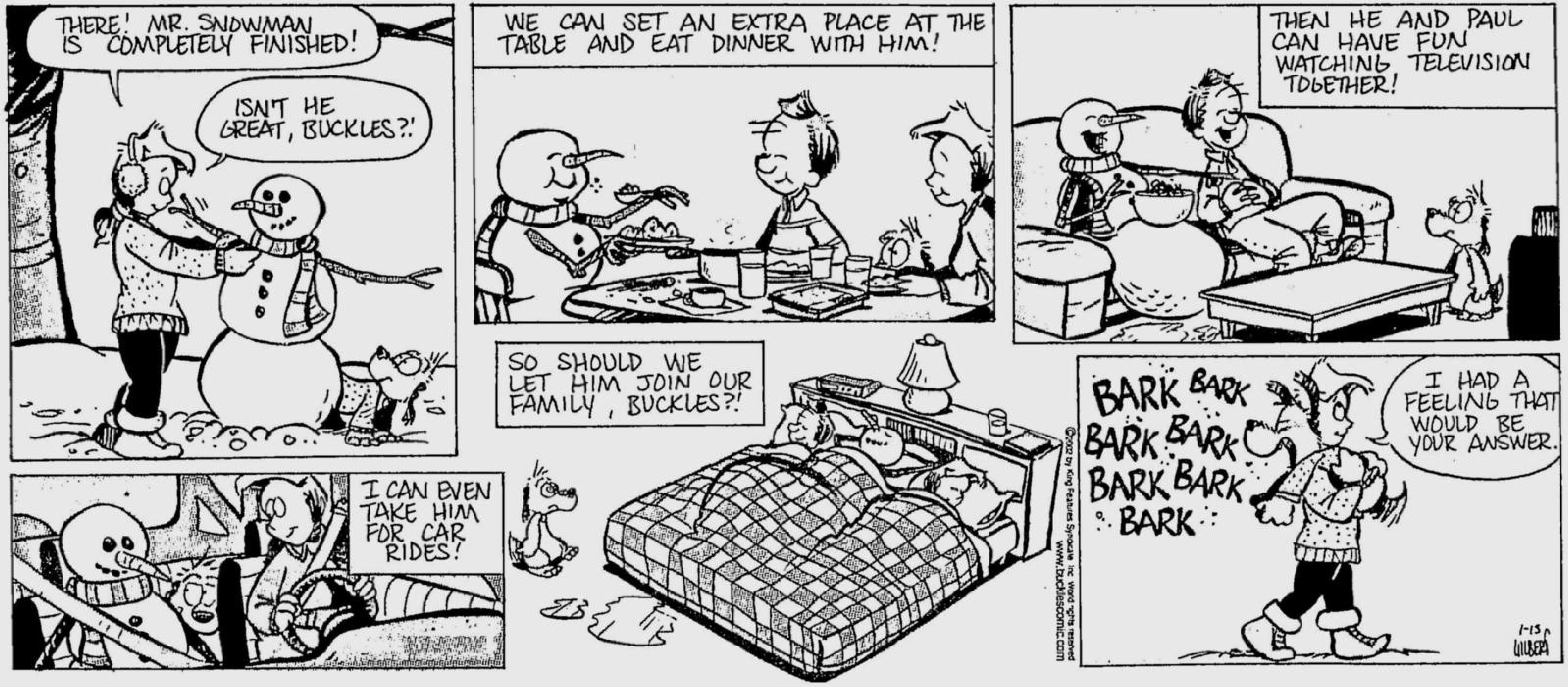
BUCKLES **BY DAVID GILBERT**


THERE! MR. SNOWMAN IS COMPLETELY FINISHED!
ISN'T HE GREAT, BUCKLES?!
WE CAN SET AN EXTRA PLACE AT THE TABLE AND EAT DINNER WITH HIM!
THEN HE AND PAUL CAN HAVE FUN WATCHING TELEVISION TOGETHER!
I CAN EVEN TAKE HIM FOR CAR RIDES!
SO SHOULD WE LET HIM JOIN OUR FAMILY, BUCKLES?!
BARK BARK BARK BARK BARK BARK BARK
I HAD A FEELING THAT WOULD BE YOUR ANSWER.
1-15 GILBERT

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